THE TORCH

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VOLUME IX

The 1951 Senior Class

of

North Coventry High School

Front row, left to right—R. Yergey, treasurer; O. Darlington, president; R. Smith, vice-president.
Second row—S. Stauffer, secretary; A. Thompson, treasurer.

CLASS MOTTO

"Be not good for nothing,
Be good for something."

CLASS COLORS

Rose and Silver

CLASS FLOWER

Rose

CLASS OFFICERS

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Mr. A. S. Alderfer

Dedicated to

MRS. ESTHER C. CLARK

We the class of 1951 take great pride in dedicating our Yearbook, "The Torch," to Mrs. Esther C. Clark.

Although Mrs. Clark has labored and worked with our class to accomplish many activities, she has never appeared in the limelight seeking praise or public acclaim.

In addition to her English and French classes, and her duties as school librarian, she has directed our Senior Class Play, and has given us endless help and guidance in the planning of our Yearbook. She has been a wonderful class advisor and an inspiration to all who have worked with her.

To show our sincere appreciation for all these things, named and un-named, we proudly make this dedication.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Class of '51:

You are part of an age that seems to be forgetting that the country in which you live became great because people in other days believed in personal responsibilities, individual duties, steadfast loyalty, complete honesty, common courtesy, reverent religion, genuine humility. These are but a few of the concepts which make a people great and are the ideals which you are expected to accept and practice.

The faculty and I wish to congratulate you on the successful passing of this milestone in your educational progress. Our best wishes go with each one of you.

PAUL H. GRIM

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Supervising Principal

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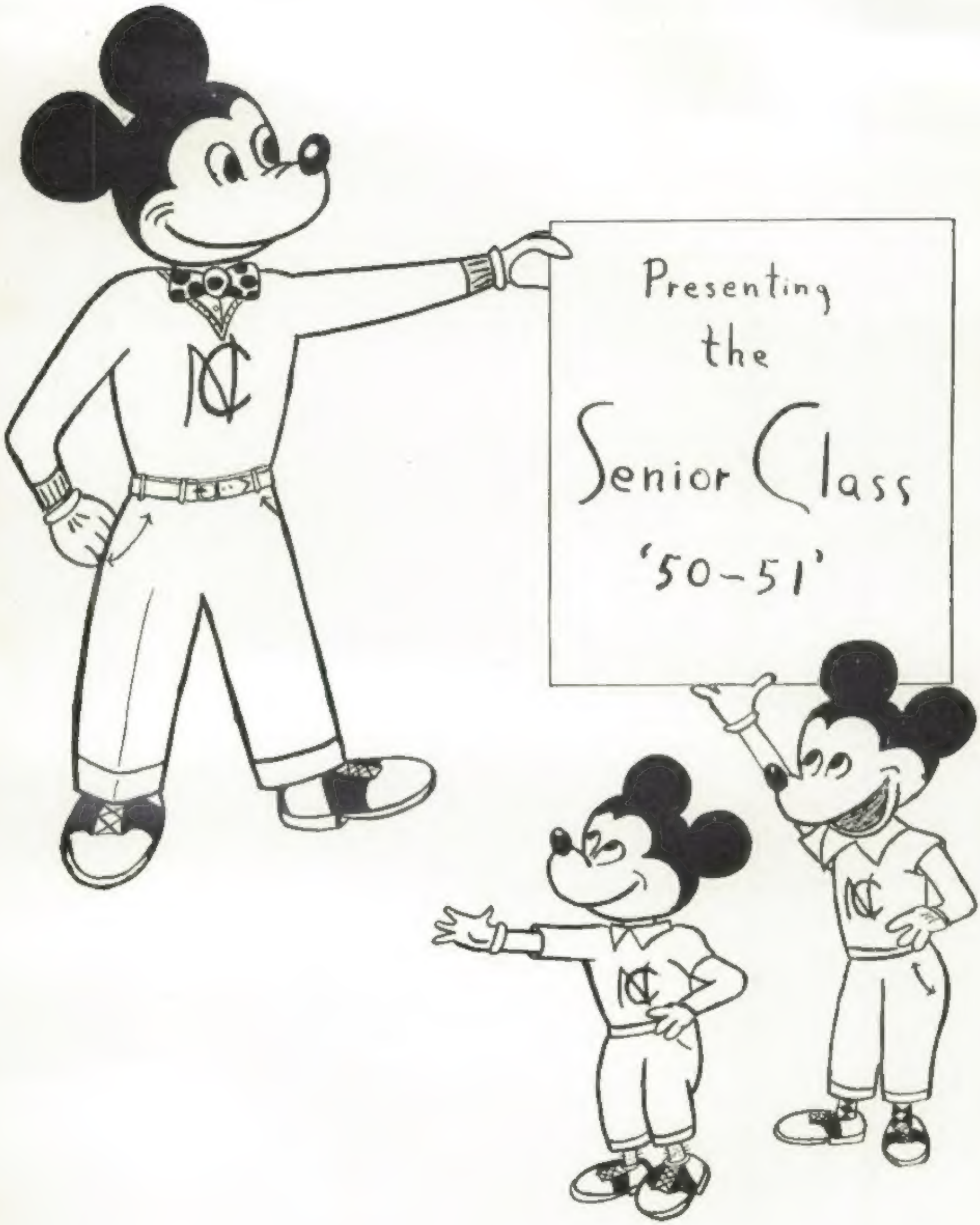

Presenting
the
Senior Class
'50-51'

LORRIN BEIDLER "Washer"

COMMERCIAL MARCH 30

Football, 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 10, 11, 12, Manager, 9; Patrol, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 11; Play Prompter, 11, 12; "Norco News," 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

"Small but mighty"

Very active . . . spoiled curls by getting a crew cut . . . is the "shorty" of the senior boys . . . usually seen with Paul . . . eats to live and lives to eat . . . enjoys getting into mischief . . . thinks a certain junior girl is tops . . . always arguing with the coaches . . . wants to join the Coast Guard.

PAUL BODOLUS "Bolo"

COMMERCIAL OCTOBER 14

Football, 11, 12, Manager, 9.

"Laughter is the best medicine"

Black curly hair . . . always jolly . . . gets along with everyone . . . a trial to the teachers . . . goes steady with Henrietta . . . drives a light blue Plymouth . . . always seen at dances . . . one of Norco's stalwart football guards . . . wants to join the Coast Guard.

GARY K. BUCKWALTER "Bucko"

ACADEMIC FEBRUARY 7

Football, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 10. 11, 12; Baseball, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 10, President, 11, 12; P. T. A. Operetta, 12; Patrol, 10, 11, 12; "Norco News," 11, 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12; Radio Braodcasting, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"Good temper, like a radiant day,
beams its brilliance over all"

Short crew cut . . . best pal is "Dunn" . . . gets along amiably with all his classmates . . . not interested in girls(?) . . . full of corny jokes and puns . . . known for the huge breakfasts which he eats . . . rises early in the morning to shoot "les corbeaux" . . . great outdoors man . . . modern Silas Marner . . . will enter college upon graduation.

JANE L. CAMAHO — "Janie"

COMMERCIAL — APRIL 29

Basketball, 11; Softball, 10, 11; Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, President, 12; Sextette, 10, 11; P. T. A. Operetta, 12, District Chorus, 12; "Norco News," 9, 10, 11, 12, Band, 10, 11, 12; Camera Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading, 9, 10, 11, Co-Captain, 12; Class Play, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you"

Short brown hair . . . possesses a beautiful singing voice . . . always ready with a joke . . . had leading part in P. T. A. Operetta . . . likes the tree surgery business . . . best pals are Elma and Jean . . . has an interest in Kentlworth . . . would like to be any place where there are children.

BETTY M. COOPER — "Coop"

COMMERCIAL — JANUARY 15

Allied Youth, 11, 12; "Norco News," 12; Class Secretary, 9, 10, 11; "Torch" Editor.

"And that smile, like sunshine, darts into many a sunless heart"

Sunny disposition . . . dresses neatly . . . liked by all her classmates . . . co-operative . . . a good commercial student . . . assistant to school secretary . . . an ardent Tennessee Ernie fan . . . likes to watch wrestling matches . . . will become a very capable secretary.

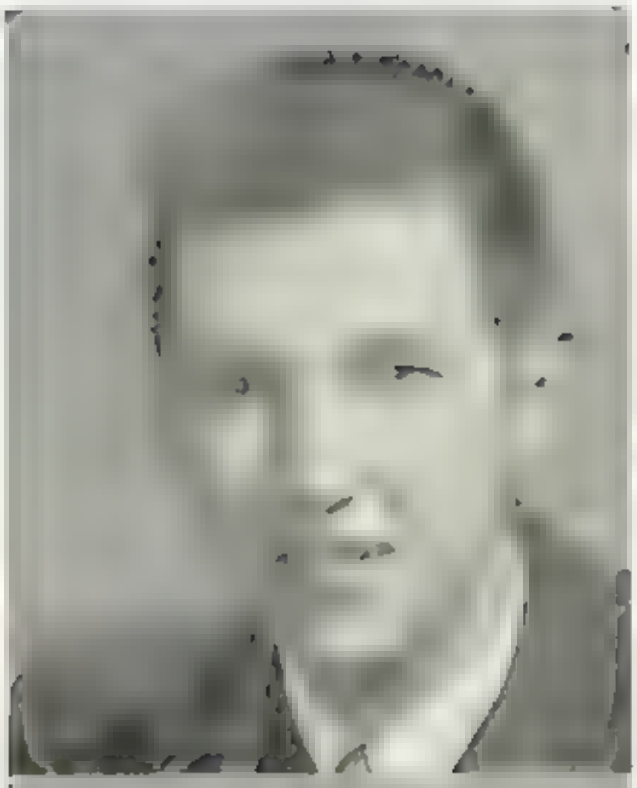
ROBERT E. CRESSMAN — "Sweiss"

COMMERCIAL — MARCH 23

Patrol, 9, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 9, 10, 11; Basketball, 10, 11, 12; Class Play, 11.

"A smile as warm as spring sunshine"

Answers to almost any name . . . always making wisecracks . . . quick temper, easily overcome by laughter . . the "Villain" in the junior class play . . . Donald and Charlie are his constant companions . . . has woman troubles . . . the Beau Brumell of the class . . . could advertise for Pepsodent Tooth Paste . . . would like to join the Coast Guard.



OSCAR H. DARLINGTON "Os"

ACADEMIC APRIL 22

Football, 9; Basketball, 9, 10, 11, 12; Patrol, 9, 10, 11, Co-Captain, 12; "Norco News," 11, 12; Travel Club, 11; Allied Youth, 11, 12; Typing Club, 12; Class Vice-President, 10; Class President, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"Honor lies in honest toil"

One of Norco's basketball five . . . likes to tease the girls . . . co-operative . . . will be a success in the future . argumentative . . . our capable class president for two and one half years . . . former "grease monkey" at Ramble Inn . . . cowboys a "Jeep" . . . likes mathematics has an interest in Spring City . . . expects to attend college after graduation.

JOHN A. D'LUZEN "Jack"

GENERAL MAY 4

"Silence is golden"

Blond hair . . . sincere blue eyes . . . is the mechanic of the class . fun-loving . . . girls are the least of his worries . . . doesn't study unless the spirit moves him . . . likes to joke with Room 9 "gang" . . . the proud possessor of a blue Crosley . . . wants to get a roadster . . would like to be a mechanic after graduation.

MARJORIE L. FRAIN "Josh"

COMMERCIAL SEPTEMBER 26

Glee Club, 9, 10; "Norco News," 11, 12; Allied Youth 12.

"What her mind thinks, her tongue says"

Expressive dark eyes . . . her hobby is talking ex presses her opinions freely . . . likes to talk about cows . tries to keep up with the Joneses . . . enjoys arguing with "Washer" . . . doesn't like to take notes . . . looks forward to becoming an established and independent farmerette.

NADINE FRAIN "Dean"

VOCATIONAL AUGUST 17

Glee Club, 11, 12; Class Play, 12; Allied Youth, 12.

"The sweetest essences are always confined in the smallest glasses"

Very sweet and friendly . . . petite and very attractive . . . blushes easily . . . a promising art student . . . good hockey player . . . travels with Edith . . . fond of Chazz . . . hopes to become a hairdresser.

VICTORIA GEORGE "Vicky"

ACADEMIC AUGUST 23

Basketball, 11, 12; Cheerleading 10, 11, Co-Captain, 12, Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, Pianist, 12; Sextette, 9, 10; District Chorus, 12; Travel Club, 11; "Norco News," 9, 10, 11, Editor, 12; Camera Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Typing Club, 12; Class Play, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12; Radio Broadcasting, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"Her very hands on ivory keys strayed
If music be the food of love, play on"

A vivacious brunette . . . good worker . . . is the idol of a certain junior boy . . . drives an Oldsmobile "88" . . . always in a hurry . . . carries enough books to supply an army . . . worries about getting appendicitis . . . thinks of someone far away . . . usually seen with June and Carolyn . . . Mr. Buckwalter's pet "peeve" . . . hopes to go into business some day.

JOYCE B. GILES "Gizzle"

COMMERCIAL DECEMBER 3

Hockey, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 9, 10; Softball, 9, 10, 11, Capt., 12; Glee Club, 9, 10, 11; Travel Club, 11; "Torch" Staff

"She is one of those who cannot but be in earnest
Whom nature herself has appointed to be sincere"

Naturally curly hair . . . athletic . . . smooth dancer enjoys driving her Dad's car . . . likes to travel with the "Girls" . . . doesn't like frills . . . has a secret liking for a senior boy . . . comes from South Pottstown . . . quick-tempered . . . would like to become a nurse.

MARY G. HANSLEY — Mary

ACADEMIC — DECEMBER 27

Glee Club, 9, 10; Band, 11; "Torch" Staff.

"There is a garden in her face where roses and white lilies grow"

Sophisticated . unpredictable personality . . . argumentative enjoys throwing gala parties . . . likes to draw . comes to school because it is compulsory . . . always with Marcia and Janet . . . one of the Shenkel crowd . . . future is undecided.

MARCIA E. HOHL — Marcia

COMMERCIAL — JANUARY 19

Band, 9, 10, 11; Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; "Norco News," 12; Class Play, 11; "Torch" Staff.

"The crimson glow of modesty o'er spreads her cheek, and gives new lustre to her charm"

Twinkling hazel eyes . . . likes to giggle . . . is very ticklish . . . enjoys writing letters . . . works at Woolworth cowboys a station wagon . . . sports a beautiful diamond . . . her career will be making a good wife for Court . . . will live in Florida.

ROBERT ICKES — "Bobby"

ACADEMIC — OCTOBER 31

Football, 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12; Patrol, 10, 11, 12; Patrol Treasurer, 12; "Torch" Staff.

" Life is not measured by the time we live"

Tall and lean . . . talks with a slight southern accent . . . slow and soft spoken . . . very friendly to all classmates . . . likes girls . . . enjoys outdoor sports . . . takes good care of Hopewell Park the year 'round . . works in a Campfire Girls' Camp during the summer . . . plans to go into radio work after graduation.

JAMES D. JONES "Pony"

VOCATIONAL AUGUST 4

F. F. A., 9, 10, 11, Treasurer, 12; Band, 10, 11, 12, Allied Youth, 11, 12; Basketball, 12. Glee Club, 11, 12. P. T. A. Operetta, 12.

"Worth, courage, honor — these indeed your sustenance and birthright are"

Strong competitor for tallest in the class . . . has a good singing voice . . . usually found arriving for any event just before Brother Bill . . . had a brief interest in an eighth grader . . . enjoys trading food with Bucky . vocational representative in the academic math class . . . will probably go to Drexel Institute of Technology.

WILLIAM C. JONES "Snap"

VOCATIONAL JULY 23

Football, 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 11, 12; Baseball, 10, 11, 12 Allied Youth, 11, Vice-President, 11, 12; F. F. A., 9, 10, 11, 12. Travel Club, 11; Glee Club, 11, 12; P. T. A. Operetta, 12. "Norco News," 12; Class Play, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"The true, strong, and sound mind can embrace equally great things and small"

Tallest member of the class . . . usually gets first choice of family car . . . has a special interest in Phoenixville . spends much of his spare time with his nose in a physics book . . . hates to get up in the morning . gives good advice to those with problems of romance . would like to enter Annapolis.

CHARLES A. LAMBOUR "Chazz"

COMMERCIAL JULY 27

Patrol, 9, 10, 11, 12; Band, 10, 11, 12; Camera Club, 10, 11, 12; Class Play, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"Variety is the spice of life"

His hobby is models (airplane) . . . drives a maroon Mercury . . . the Romeo of the boys . . . always ready to lend a helping hand . . . enjoys teasing Nadine and June . . . moody at times . . . comes to school when he remembers there is one . . . his future is in the jewelry business.

JUNE E. LAVERTY "Jello"

ACADEMIC SEPTEMBER 8

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, Secretary, 12; P. T. A. Operetta, 12; Camera Club, 11, 12; "Norco News," 9, 10, 11, 12, Travel Club, 11; Radio Broadcasting, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"A smile can go a long, long way"

Very attractive . . . pleasant personality . . . good student . . . has an Irish temper . . . worries about anything and everything . . . a smile for everybody . . . she and Vicky are inseparable . . . goes steady with "Wamp" . . . would like to be an interior decorator.

CHARLES L. LEYRER "Chas"

GENERAL MAY 31

Football, 12.

"Skill is one of nature's finest gifts"

Comes from Pigeon Creek . . . is very quiet while rolling up spitballs . . . not interested in girls . . . enjoys reading "Popular Science" . . . likes to hear good jokes his hobby is collecting old coins and money . . . known for the beautiful images he carves from wood . . . shop is his favorite subject.

THOMAS E. MAUGER "Moxie"

GENERAL FEBRUARY 4

Football, 9, 10, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"Strongest minds are often those of whom the noisy world hears least"

Kenilworth's gift to Norco . . . works in the village store . . . a camera fiend . . . a great lover of motorcycles . . . interested in auto mechanics . . . enjoys showing his tooth that isn't there . . . one of Norco's roughest guards on the gridiron . . . a member of the shop crew.

HEBER J. McGOWAN "Jake"

VOCATIONAL APRIL 5

F. F. A., 9, 10, 11, 12, Treasurer 11, President 12; Patrol, 10, 11, 12.

"Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest."

The redhead of the class . . . a happy go lucky and friendly manner . . . enjoys wrecking his "Chevy" the capable president of the F. F. A. . . . will work at home on the farm after graduation.

MARY JANE McGOWAN "Janie"

COMMERCIAL JUNE 15

Glee Club, 10, 11, 12; Travel Club, 11; Allied Youth, 11, 12; Class Play, 12, "Norco News," 12.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance"

Thinks Norco could use some changes . . . mischievous . constantly giggling . . . great joker . . . talking is her favorite pastime . . . friendly with everyone . . . Pearl and Betty are constant companions . . . hangs her hat in Geigertown.

PEARL E. McMULLEN "Peggy"

COMMERCIAL JUNE 21

Glee Club, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12; "Norco News," 12; Class Play, 12.

"Maiden! with the meek blue eyes
In whose orbs a shadow lies
Like the dusk in evening skies!"

Chestnut brown hair and blue eyes . . . attractive . . has a pleasing personality . . . true to one . . . she also sports a diamond . . . her charming smile takes the place of conversation . . . expects to get married after graduation.

CHARLES C. MURRAY — "Charlie"

VOCATIONAL — FEBRUARY 8

Football, 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 10, 11; F. F. A., 9, 10, Reporter, 11, Vice-President, 12; Patrol, 9, 10.

"Don't agree with all men's opinions, but formulate your own"

Takes studies as a pastime . . . doesn't believe in worrying . . . constant joker . . . easily influenced, but can be stubborn at times . . . likes to go out with girls . . . lends his car to a junior girl . . . good dancer . . . crew haircut . . . will probably enter the Navy.

JANET R. NIMMERICHTER — "Shorty"

COMMERCIAL — SEPTEMBER 14

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11.

"Silence gives consent"

Shortest person in the class . . . long brown hair, pretty brown eyes . . . co-operative . . . very quiet, gay dreamer . . . seldom seen at school activities . . . not interested in boys . . . modest . . . enjoys school.

JEAN F. OLEXA — "Jeannie"

COMMERCIAL — AUGUST 2

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11; Class Play, 11, Prompter, 12; "Norco News," 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12; Band, 10; "Torch" Staff.

"Popularity is power"

Doesn't let her height worry her . . . "Jeannie with the light brown hair" . . . very popular with the boys . . . likes new cars . . . seldom seen without chewing gum, Jane, and Elma . . . not often found at her Pottstown Landing home . . . would like to join the Waves, but expects to become a secretary.

ARTHUR QUACKENBOS "Quack"

VOCATIONAL SEPTEMBER 28

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men"

Comes from Stowe . . . has a wisecrack for every occasion . . . never heard of the word "serious" . . . looks at school books once a month . . . likes to tease June . . . will worry about the future when he gets there . . . works at Berks Refining Company.

EDITH RICHARDS Edith

VOCATIONAL OCTOBER 17

Glee Club, 10, 11, 12; Class Play, 11; Travel Club, 11; Allied Youth, 11, 12.

"Love begins with love"

Excellent vocational student . . . friendly manner . . . reserved . . . blushes easily . . . likes to sew and cook . . . enjoys Saturday night dates . . . saves her love for one . . . always with Nadine . . . will make a good housewife for some lucky man.

GEORGE ROADCAP "Roadcap"

ACADEMIC JANUARY 13

Football, 9, 10, 12.

"Hair of gold, eyes of blue"

Handsome blond . . . also known as "Curlecue" . . . likes to tease the academic girls about clothes, hair, and makeup . . . fatalist . . . nothing worries him . . . does homework before school in the morning . . . good French student . . . never without Smith . . . plans to take a long trip after graduation.

MELVIN N. SCHEIDT "Scheidt"

ACADEMIC SEPTEMBER 8

Patrol, 9, 10, 11, 12; Band, 9, 10; Travel Club, 11; Football, 9, 11; Basketball, 10; Class Play, 11, 12; Typing Club, 12; "Norco News," 12.

"Let us live and be jolly"

Class clown . . . good actor . . . has great interest in boating and the Schuylkill River . . . picture appears often in Mercury . . . fears draft board and prospects of Korea . . . tries to imitate "Globetrotters" on basketball court . . . ambition is to be a clown in a circus

RICHARD J. SMITH "Smitty"

ACADEMIC SEPTEMBER 20

Football, 9; Class Vice-President, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"You cannot choose your battlefield
The gods do that for you.
But you can plant a standard
Where a standard never grew"

The "Rip Van Winkle" of the class . . . likes to give the teachers a hard time . . . always ready with a remedy for any illness . . . assistant to all other assistants at People's Drug Store . . . known for his elaborate hair-do . . . never without George . . . favors Pottstown girls . . . favorite saying is "Cherchez les femmes" . . . would like to be a pharmacist.

SHIRLEY STAUFFER "Jiggs"

COMMERCIAL JULY 26

Basketball, 9, 10; Band, 10; "Norco News," 11, 12, Class Secretary, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"Beauty is momentary in the mind
The fitful tracing of a portal;
But in the flesh it is immortal"

Sophisticated . . . has pretty dimples . . . known as the "Body" . . . likes to read and talk . . . always talking about Jiggs . . . knows something about everything . . . has her hope chest almost filled . . . is ready to walk to the altar any day.

ELMA J. STOUDT — "Kandy"

COMMERCIAL — JUNE 22

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11; Band, 10, 11; "Norco News," 12; Class Play, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12; Class Treasurer, 9, 10, 11; Radio Broadcasting, 11; "Torch" Staff.

"Dark eyes flash; a ready smile reveals a double row of pearl"

Pretty brunette . . . likes the boys . . . appears to be very studious . . . loves dancing and a good time . . . enjoys hearing good jokes . . . likes to write to a certain Marine . . . Jean and Jane are her inseparable friends . . . class treasurer for three years . . . she is a secretary after school hours at the Tyson Insurance Agency.

ANNIE M. THOMPSON — "Ann"

COMMERCIAL — MAY 27

Basketball, 9, 10; Band, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Sextette, 12; District Chorus, 12; P. T. A. Operetta, 12; "Norco News," 12; Class Play, 11, 12; Class Treasurer, 12; "Torch" Staff.

"So gentle in her nature
So lustrous in her charm
A friend so very true."

The only real blonde in the class . . . always ready to lend a helping hand . . . has her troubles with people who don't pay dues . . . enjoys washing the family car . . . very serious about her school work . . . filling station attendant at Red Corner . . . will probably become a secretary.

DONALD TYSON — "Ape"

COMMERCIAL — AUGUST 18

Basketball, 9, 10, 12; Patrol, 9, 10, 11, 12; Radio Broadcasting, 11, 12; Class Play, 11, 12.

"Tis only noble to be good"

Red hair . . . smooth dancer . . . easy to get along with . . . enjoys life . . . likes to laugh . . . good sport . . . travels with Bob and Chazz . . . has a big interest in Allentown . . . expects to go to work with the Philadelphia Electric Company.

FRANCIS M. WAMPLER "Dunn"

ACADEMIC MARCH 29

Patrol, 9, Treasurer, 10, 11, Captain, 12; Football, 9, 10, 11, Captain, 12; Baseball, 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 11, 12; P. T. A. Operetta, 12. "Norco News," 12; Allied Youth, President, 11, 12, "Torch" Staff.

"High erected thoughts seated in a heart of courtesy"

Flashing smile . . . blond . . blue eyes . . . very friendly . . . not so serious as he seems . . . enjoys talking to "Quack" . . . neat dresser . . . co-operative . . . football is his weakness . . . believes in "early to bed, early to rise" . . . likes outdoor life . . . never, never seen without Bucky and Ickes . . . June's his steady . . . will enter college this fall.

ROBERT G. YERGEY "Toenails"

COMMERCIAL APRIL 10

Class Treasurer, 12; Class Play, 11, 12; "Norco News," 12, Allied Youth, 11, 12.

"There is no knowledge that is not power"

Crew cut . . . twinkling, merry eyes . . . full of fun . . . never has much to say . . . short and excitable . . . a problem to his commercial teacher . . . excels in bookkeeping . . . South Pottstown's paper boy . . . lady's man in the senior class play . . . shares Annie's worries about class finances . . . hopes to become a bookkeeper.

The Departing Seniors Hope That Norco Will Soon Have:

A coke machine and hot dog stand in the hall for an in-between class snack.
Automatic report card sorting machine, to be used when report cards have more than their share of F's
Elevators between floors for tired or late students.
Extra boards beside desks for carving initials and sweethearts' names.
Automatic pencils to do home work assignments.
Short recess between each class to eat or hold "gab session," and compare notes on the next class assignments.
Four-hour school days with one hour off for lunch.
Teachers that look like Van Johnson and Betty Grable.
Trophy cases in the hall to hold all the future trophies Norco is to win.
A daily bubble-gum supply for all pupils.
Jacks to supply all the games that can be played at noon, in study halls, or during a boring class.
An identical twin to send to the office in your place.
Cushioned assembly seats.
Three class trips a year.
All tests to be open-book tests.
Electric score board to be used during gym classes.

Class Song

Our days at Norco High are o'er;
We bid a fond farewell,
Though we'll see her no more,
Still we will always tell
Of all the fun we had in high school
With our teachers and our friends;
Of days at dear old Norco,
Whose mem'ries never end.

Chorus

Norco High, we'll miss you;
You've shared our joys and woe.
You've stood by us in time of need;
Our victories you know.
So as we leave your doors to pass
Into a troubled world,
Those dreams you've given to our class,
We'll cherish and we'll hold.

We leave with sad and heavy hearts;
We go from those we love.
And as we now depart,
We thank you dear old school
For all the things that you have taught us—
To guide us on our ways,
To give us hope and courage
For use in future days.

Words and Music by Victoria George

Class Poem

Comes the time when we must now depart
From our friends who were faithful in the past.
Though we leave you with a heavy heart,
Fond mem'ries of our school will ever last.

We shall remember all the fun we've had–
The joys and sorrows we have shared.
You know we never meant to be really bad;
When you think of us, you'll know we cared.

We'll remember the subdued laughter in the halls,
As patrol boys stood on guard to watch us pass–
A bit of nonsense in study period–then duty to us calls
To make hurried preparation for that next class.

We thank the teachers who have helped us grow,
And have given us courage to do the right.
We'll not forget you, now that it's time to go.
We will show you that we can win life's fight.

When, at long last, all our years in school
Are climaxed by this one day in spring,
We'll always remember our class rule
"Be not good for nothing; be good for something."

Jane Camaho

Class Will

We, the Senior Class of North Coventry High School, in the county of Chester, State of Pennsylvania, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this our last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

LORRIN BEIDLER wills to his brother Jim the position of half-back on the football team.

PAUL BODDUS wills his football uniform to John Kreps. If John gains about two hundred pounds, he will fill it comfortably.

GARY BUCKWALTER bequeaths his lack of interest in girls to Wayne Fidler, who has "woman" trouble.

JANE CAMARO leaves her vocal ability to Nancy Orandesh, so the Glee Club will be assured of a soloist for next year.

BETTY COOPER wills her position as Mr. Grim's assistant secretary to Rosalie Bitler.

ROBERT CRESSMAN leaves to John Smith his well-trained pompadour and his gracefulness on the dance floor.

OSCAR DARLINGTON, our capable class president, bequeaths his tact, cheerfulness and good will to William Raymer. If William gets this difficult position, he will need these qualities to cope with the troubles of this position.

To the boys who have "car trouble," JOHN D'LUZEN wills his mechanical ability.

So that Mr. Alderfer will have something to look forward to, MARJORIE FRAIN wills her argumentative nature to Betty Jane Loughin.

NADINE FRAIN wills her dainty little figure to Phillip Lang.

VICTORIA GEORGE leaves her position as pianist for the Girls' Glee Club to Doris Faye Darlington.

JOYCE GILES wills her height to Jeanette Smith, to aid the latter to become a forward.

MARY HANSLEY wills her knowledge of diseases and medicine to Elaine Hatcher, so that "L.P." may be prepared for next year's health classes.

MARCIA HOHL wills her book "How To Catch Your Man" and its sequel, "How to Hold Him," to Joan Buckwalter.

ROBERT ICKES wills his crew cut to Jane Shaner, who seems to have trouble getting to classes on time after gym class.

In order to relieve Mrs. Shinehouse from future worries, JAMES JONES bequeaths to Richard Yocum the position of treasurer of the F. F. A.

WILLIAM JONES bequeaths his array of "arguments for every occasion" to Mary Kazimer.

CHARLES LAMBOUR wills his angelic expression to Ralph Hohl.

JUNE LAVERTY bequeaths her studiousness to her brother Donald. Some day you, too, Donald, may be on the Honor Roll.

CHARLES LEYRER wills his artistic talent to Theodora Smith.

THOMAS MAUGER bequeaths his ability in shop work and in mechanical drawing to Oliver Pribanick.

HEBER McGOWAN leaves to William McKee his position as president of the F. F. A., along with his faithfulness to the duties of this office.

MARY JANE McGOWAN leaves her talkativeness and her burning ambition to get the highest mark in bookkeeping to Helen Read.

PEARL McMULLEN leaves to Cleo Brown the pleasant smile which helped her to be the first senior to acquire a diamond.

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CHARLES MURRAY wills his talent for handing in late book reports, along with all the penalty assignments, to Laine Keeler.

JANET NIMMERICHTER bequeaths her short stature to Donald Sheasley.

JEAN OLEXA wills her curls and her personality to her brother Jim.

If the chair is still intact at the end of the term, ARTHUR QUACKENBOS leaves his seat at Grandy's during lunch hour to Tom Bishop, who will probably soon wear it out.

EDITH RICHARDS wills her skill in Home Ec. to Shirley Mauger. Edith will still have plenty of ability to keep house for Sonny.

GEORGE ROADCAP bequeaths his proficiency in Trig. to Gene Clemens. If "Jip" feels that this bequest will not help him, he may refuse it.

MELVIN SCHEIDT wills the secret of getting his picture in the Mercury to any underclassmen who like to pose in the muddy waters of the Schuylkill.

RICHARD SMITH wills to Ezros Kellar his ability to doze through fifty percent of a class period and still maintain good grades.

SHIRLEY STAUFFER wills her office of secretary of the class to Marlyn Berricker, whose nerves may be good enough to stand the strain of this position.

ELMA STOUDT leaves her giggle to Jane Cisarik, who at times seems to be in need of good cheer.

ANNIE THOMPSON gladly relinquishes her duties as class treasurer to Barbara Ebly, hoping Barbara will be spared some of the headaches of this job.

DONALD TYSON bequeaths his well-groomed appearance and sophisticated manner to Fomer Baker.

FRANCIS WAMPLER leaves the position of captain of the football squad to Bill Rhymer, with best wishes for many victories next fall.

ROBERT YERGEY leaves his skill in bookkeeping to all those unfortunate juniors who are in need of help.

To the Class of 52 in addition to the bequests already mentioned, we leave Room 9, in all its glory. You will particularly enjoy the battered piano, and the desks carved with the initials of our class and those who preceded us. We leave you three advisors who will really set you straight on financial matters. We also leave to you the victrola that will play any kind of records that you finish, and the typing room, with the equipment necessary to put out the Noreo News on time. Best of all, we leave you the honor of being a senior in North Coventry High School.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our name and set our seal this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

Senior Class of 1951

Oscar Darlington, President

The foregoing instrument was given in our presence, signed, sealed, published, and declared by the Class of 51, the testator named herein, as and for its last will and testament, whereupon we, the undersigned, at its request, and in their presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto:

Esther C. Clark

Jessie M. Delp

Alvin S. Alderfer

"GHOST WANTED"

Hugo Bromley (Donald Tyson), a young man out of a job, and Jeffrey Hall (Charles Lambour), his associate in many not-too-successful business ventures, answer an ad in the local paper which [illegible] "Good Women." In applying they become acquainted with Ginger (Elena Stanley) and Gale (Victoria Georges), the vivacious daughters of Granny Kate (Edith Richards), owner of the cottage and land on Rattlesnake Rock. Granny's [illegible] love for voodooism and the reputed [illegible] of Professor [illegible] (William Jones) and his weird and mysterious assistant, Madam Zoga (Jean Camaho), led Ginger to run the ad as a possible means of curing her.

The Professor says he is able to commune with Simon Gore, a drowned fisherman who once [illegible] the island. Madam Zoga claims to have power over the dead and to [illegible] to raise a zombie. Granny seems to believe these assertions implicitly.

The four young people plan to have Hugo impersonate Simon Gore's zombie and once [illegible] to reveal the Professor and Madam Zoga as phonies. The scheme backfires, however, when others arrange for Simon's [illegible] before the youngsters can put their plan to work. Now a new problem faces them—to discover how the various appearances of the zombie are accomplished and by whom.

Matters are ever more complicated by the mysterious disappearance of Bradshaw (Moya Schecter), the sheriff, and by the intervention of Nora Vane (Anne Thompson), an aggressive investigator from the mainland, brought to the island by Azaza (Jean Olexa), a hostess woman from the nearby village, on business bent. Hatcher (Robert Cressman), the Stringays' housemen, is to help [illegible] for he seems determined to leave the island, but the practical Dodds (Marcia Hoey) [illegible] and lock up the [illegible] looks him up. That he doesn't stay locked up is revealed when Jeffrey discovers a secret panel connecting several passageways through the house, one of which is accessible from the room in which Hatcher is locked.

Jeffrey's discovery leads to the eventual solution of the mystery, but only after a stormy [illegible] climaxed by the success of Hugo's remarkable impersonation of Simon Gore and by revelation that Granny Kate had known all along that the Professor and Madam Zoga were Government agents. And so the little island, which was to have served a foreign spy ring with Hatcher at its head as arsenal, hideout, and listening post, is restored to its former peace and quiet. Hugo and Jeffrey decide that the guest business isn't so bad if it can introduce them to such charming companions as Ginger and Gale promise to be.

"CLEMENTINE"

In the short interval between the excitement of the football season and the oncoming basket-
al [illegible] presented their play [illegible] Clementine [illegible] Clem [illegible]
[illegible] The action of the play, which takes place in Mayor Kelly [illegible] Hester-
ville, centers around tomboy Clementine Kelly, real sturdy [illegible] Clem would
rather play football than [illegible] up and go to a party. [illegible] George played the part of the Amp-
[illegible] mother. Mary Kelly, who has a hard time keeping up with her daughter's changing moods and
exploiting them to Mayor Kelly. Donald Tyson did a good job of acting the [illegible]
mayor, who is [illegible] the midst of campaigning for re-election and finds it the [illegible]
[illegible] a reception [illegible] with her football. The reception [illegible] other time Mrs. [illegible]
(Anne Thompson) president of the Women Voters' League and very [illegible] **Mayor Kelly are concerned.**

In the high school "gang" is handsome Hank Matthews, played by Charles Lambour, whom
Clem never noticed until Cathy [illegible] was a good prospect. [illegible] group of the [illegible]
who is constantly giving information which [illegible] they should know. These typical teen-agers
were acted by Jane Cornette and Nadine Frazier. Melvin Stuart as Jerry, a lazy lover [illegible]
the audience with his special version of a [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] Clem that the
football team has voted not to [illegible] the play with them. In an effort to get even, Clem [illegible] Hank
in an oratorical contest. Handyman Abe Carter advises her in all matters, from football to love
problems. Bill Jones was a [illegible] always ready to offer some very humorous [illegible]
philosophy. The small brother, Mary Jane McGowan, also gives [illegible] the problems of the Kelly
family. Miss Kelly engages charming Ann McNeil (Peggy McMichael) to give Clem elocution lessons.
In the meantime Cathy is trying to decide whether to go to the Spring Formal with Jerry or
Pete (Robert Yergey) or with Hank.

Clem decides that parties aren't so silly and that boys may be interesting. She changes her
tactics and [illegible] Hank realizes that she is no longer a tomboy. Mrs. Lorenz [illegible] that [illegible]
aren't just boats and offences the Women's League to vote for Mayor Kelly. In addition to the good
work of the cast, much credit must be given to the help of the stage committee, the [illegible]
seniors and prompters.

Class Prophecy

Winnie and Wicky Mouse glanced at the calendar one bright morning, June 5, 1976. "Wicky," Winnie exclaimed, "just twenty-five years ago today, the class of 1951 graduated at Norco. I wonder what has become of all those boys and girls. We used to have such good times with them in Room 9."

"Yes," replied Wicky," I wonder, too. Let's drive over and see Beega Eva. He has a Bureau of Missing Persons; and, if he doesn't know where they are, he can soon locate them."

Beega, who had come from the planet Jupiter, had invented a screen which could make events appear at the turn of a button. With the help of the screen, he located the classmates and Wicky and Winnie saw their former Norco friends pursuing all sorts of interesting vocations.

BETTY COOPER, who enjoyed doing secretarial work while in school, is now working for a famous cowboy singer. Besides taking dictation and typing, she sings with the band in her spare moments.

The second picture flashed on the screen was that of JOHN D'LUZEN. John was interested in mechanics while he was in school and used to work on his little Crosley. So they were not surprised to find him in a toy factory, manufacturing piston rings for little toy cars.

To Winnie's delight, she saw that MARGIE FRAIN, who was a whiz when it came to farming, was riding on a tractor cultivating her acres and miles of corn rows. Margie sells all the corn to ANNIE THOMPSON'S Pop Corn Company. Annie handled the class finances and now she has books keeping to do for her own business.

Wicky was interested in the next picture, in which NADINE FRAIN was the star attraction. Beega told him that Nadine always wanted to become a hairdresser, so she taught a course at Monsieur Pierre's (ROBERT VERGEY's) famed Salon of Hair Beauty for Women. Bobby always was an authority on hair styles. Getting back to Nadine, they found her giving permanent waves to Scotty dogs and French poodles.

The next scene was one of East Main Street. Becoming curious, Wicky and Winnie moved a little closer to the screen. Soon they heard a motor and into view came VICTORIA GEORGE. Vicky, who followed the family tradition by going into the restaurant business, was riding on her motor propelled scooter ice cream wagon. Beega informed them that she had become very prosperous and has recently purchased the mansion of Baron MELVIN von SCHLEDT. Melvin always wanted to be a clown, and his wish was granted. He is now well known and because of his ability to get along with people, he has left the United States to become an Ambassador of Good Will to Lower Slobovia.

When a diver in jewelry store came into view, it was only natural to see CHARLES LAMBOUR managing it. Since he owns the store, he specializes in giving discounts to all his fellow classmates who have Fords. He also caters to many famous people, among them MARY HANSLEY, who is the star of the TV show "What Are We Arguing About?" She is on the United States Debate Team, and does some filibustering in the Senate in her spare time.

After FRANCIS WAMPLER graduated from high school, he went to college and majored in physical education. His greatest desire was to become a gym teacher. So when they found themselves viewing a reducing salon for women on Fifth Avenue, Wicky and Winnie knew that the owner and operator must be the one and only "Masseur" Wampler. For three and hours a day he leads his patrons in football calisthenics, because he believes that this exercise is the best way to reduce.

Wicky thought Plato would be interested in JOYCE GILES' newly established profession. Joyce, after she retired from the athletic world, took up knitting as a hobby and now has a profitable business knitting little sweaters for St. Bernards.

When Beega tuned in the next person, Winnie's eyes nearly popped, for on the screen was none other than WILLIAM JONES. Bill excelled in ballet during his childhood but no one ever thought he would become the star of the Broadway hit "The Dying Swan." Bill has the part of the swan and it is rumored that a Hollywood talent scout has his eye on him.

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When Wicky was a television station appeared next to thought the wire must have crossed. But, [illegible] was BERNIE McGOWAN [illegible] He was a [illegible] contract with the "Kato Shampoo Company advertising their product on T.V.

Beega also related to Wicky and Winnie what he had seen when he went on his vacation. There [illegible] he found a name that seemed very familiar to him. It was [illegible] MARY JANE McGOWAN. "Gorgeous Mary" has a top billing at GEORGE KOADCAP's Wrestling Arena at "Frozen Cod By-The-Sea." George has fared so well in this venture that he has taken over and is president of Rambling Motors, Inc.

Next appeared what seemed to be a girls big league basketball game. And into focus came JANET NIMMERICHTER who surprised everyone by adding two feet to her height. Janet is the star center of the Bloomer Girls' Basketball Team.

Beega turned a few buttons and Wicky and Winnie saw a new modern-dress school come into view. But the big surprise was to see EDITH RICHARDS as principal of this school known as the Modern Miracle. They also says that Edith had her hands full taking care of all her former classmates' children.

While Beega was adjusting a tube in his invention, Winnie started to read a New York newspaper. An article "Advice to the Lovelorn" caught her eye; and, no wonder, for the advisor was PEARL McMULLEN. Pearl's marriage has been so successful that they feel [illegible] an authority on the subject.

Beega broke in just then to inform them he would have to call the repair company for a new tube. He thought it would save [illegible] if he called and had them send the part over on a jet scooter. When the voice at the other end of the telephone answered with a "Good afternoon. This is the You-Wrecks-It-We-Fix-It Construction Company, anything repaired while you wait, or you get a free trip to the moon," he recognized the voice as that of JUNE LAVERTY. June had been undecided as to whether to become a telephone operator or an interior decorator, so she decided to combine the two. She is co-operator of the big repair company and also supervises the decorating of any dog houses sent to be repaired.

When the [illegible] again Wicky and Winnie heard someone singing a lullaby. JANE CAMATHO [illegible] to become a singer. Her voice was trained since she got a job at the "Claw and Paw, Cat and Dog Hospital," singing the kittens to sleep.

Meanwhile Wicky and Winnie were wondering what had become of MARCIA HOHL. They located Marcia on the net. They knew she had been married right after graduation, but what they didn't expect to see was Marcia emerge after two sets of twins and one set of triplets. She helps support ROBERT GRESSMAN who manufactures "Jumping Jack Shoes for the Wee Tots." He also runs a dancing school, where he teaches the old maids and the bachelors how to rumba, in the hope of finding a suitable "partner."

When Wicky heard a [illegible] sound, he thought something was wrong with the set again, but it was not there. Instead the sound came from the Dixie Cream Donut Shop. OSCAR DARLINGTON who was used to sounding the tusk with his president's gavel now has put this practice to profit. He works at the Dixie Cream Shop putting holes into the doughnuts.

While [illegible] pepped this time, when he saw a [illegible] with pictures of beautiful girls. LARRY BELDER, the artist of the class, was there. He has a permanent position with "Esquire Magazine" filling the jars of paint for the illustrators.

Wondering what had become of ELMA STOLDT they tuned in the Tyson Insurance Agency

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Here they learned that she has a mistress of her own, fraucing RICHARD SMITH's new sculpture. He has a famous chain store in which he sells sleeping pills to students who can't fall asleep during an interesting class.

When Wicky asked about CHARLES LEYRER, Winnie remembered that she had seen him when she went to the market that morning. Charles had always been interested in carving figures out of wood, so it was no surprise when Winnie told them he was now carving meat in the Lutz Market.

CHARLES MURRAY spent his time after school at his farm raising pigs and chickens. One day he decided to cross the pigs with the chickens, and now is spending his million dollars he made by being the first to get "ham and eggs" at the same time.

Winnie and Wicky turned to the screen, just in time to see a flash of JAMES JONES, an internationally famous member of the Metropolitan Troupe. After his success in the P.T.A. operetta "Down in the Valley," Jim desired to star in Metropolitan Opera. This wish was fulfilled, for, even though he doesn't sing, he helps the dressmaker to alter the singer's costumes.

It was difficult to recognize the next character because of the big top hat and cane he carried so. A closer scrutiny showed that it was PAUL BODOLUS. Before he joined the Navy, Paul worked at the DeSoto Plating Works in South Pottstown. When he was discharged from the Navy, he went back to his old job. He saved so much money that he finally bought the plant from the owner.

When Beega turned to DONALD TYSON, they found he had at work as a lineman for the Philadelphia Electric Company. Donald really gets a "charge" out of his work.

JEAN OLEXA's greatest desire was to join the Waves. She did so, but was greatly disappointed because the waves of the sea made her so seasick that she had to get off the ship. She disembarked at a Pacific island, where she met a chief of a cannibal tribe and soon became "Queen of the Savages."

As expected, SHIRLEY STAUFFER joined the WAF in order to be near Jiggs, but decided that flying was too strenuous for her. Winnie said Shirley had finally settled down to housekeeping for her flier-husband and raising airmen for the U. S. Air Force.

Beega told Winnie that one day when he was in Hopewell Park, he came upon ROBERT JOKES feeding the squirrels. Bob is overseer of all the animals, and in his spare time gives swimming lessons to the Campfire Girls.

Suddenly there was a roaring sound, like that of a jet plane flying low. They all ran to the window just in time to see THOMAS MAUGER taking the corner on two wheels. Tommy now operates a used car garage, "Mauger's Motors." He was always interested in racing cars, so he made a speedway around his home. Here you can see the stockcar races every Saturday evening.

The girl-hater (??) of the class was GARY BUCKWALTER, but this is no longer true. He was the first of the boys to get married and is now manager of his wife's hosiery store.

Winnie told Beega that she had seen ARTHUR QUACKENBOS the past Sunday when she attended a service in his church, "The First Church of Glasgow." Since Arthur became pastor of the church, there has been a sharp rise in the membership.

"That concludes the roll call," said Beega. "Your friends of '51 seem to be prosperous and happy, and many have achieved fame."

"Thank you," said Winnie and Wicky. And they went back home, satisfied with their visit.

"Dear Diary"

After Winnie and Wicky had seated all the members of the class of '51 by means of Beega Eva's magic screen, they began to exchange reminiscences of events in the history of the class. In going through Beega Eva's collections they discovered a dust-covered diary, which contained outstanding events of the high school years of the class.

"Look, here is the account of their freshman year," said Wicky. Winnie took the diary and began to read.

"Dear Diary: September 3rd. Today we elected our class officers. Our new president is Bill Cadwallader, vice-president Robert Crossman, secretary, Betty Cooper, and treasurer Elma Stoudt. We are happy to see so many new faces in our midst because of the additional pupils who came to us from Monocacy and South Coventry.

"October 12th. Tonight we attended a Hallowe'en party. This one was at Charlie Lambom's home where we danced and played games until we were so tired we just had to go home and crawl into bed.

"October 31st. We have just come home from our Freshman Hallowe'en dance. The merry-makers crowed [illegible] of witches and cats as they passed through the freshmen's own creation, the "Chamber of Horrors." Every one had a "spooky" time.

"Friday March 23rd. What a day this turned out to be! Our class put on a science assembly for Mr. Spannuth. No doubt we made history, in the line of assembly programs. Larry Beidler, Bob Crossman, Richard South, and Frances Hohl looked perfectly satisfying as they modeled girls' clothes.

"June 7th. The last day of our freshman year. Our homeroom teachers, Mr. Smith and Mr. Spannuth, are probably glad to see this day come. There were some sad faces when report cards were handed to us, but most of us are looking forward to being tenth graders in September.

Winnie turned the page of the diary to our sophomore record. She adjusted her glasses and this is what she read.

"September 16th. We have just concluded a hot political campaign, complete with posters and speeches. After two days of campaigning we elected the following: president Patty Grandoski, vice president, Oscar Darlington; secretary, Betty Cooper; treasurer, Elma Stoudt.

"Some of us are in Room 5 with Mr. Spannuth, and the others are with Mr. Buckwalter in Room 1.

"February 10th, 8 p.m. We have spent the day decorating for our Sophomore Valentine Hop. The gym is covered with red and white streamers, and large red hearts. We're tired, but we'll all be back for the dance. P.S. (After the dance) It was a wonderful night—lots of fun for everybody. By means of an elimination vote, Charlie Murray and Jane Shaner were chosen King and Queen of Hearts.

"March 11th. Today our class presented a one act play entitled, "Make Room for Rerrey." The characters were Mary Hardey, Vicky George, Marian Grubb, Frances Register, Richard Smith, Gary Buckwalter, Robert Ickes, and Melvin Sonerit. Directors were June Laverty and Oscar Darlington, with Mr. Smith as advisor.

"March 12th. Since Patty left school in January, Oscar Darlington has taken over her duties. We are in the midst of that big problem that causes so much discussion, the choice of a class ring

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"March 25th. We just voted and chose the ring that pleases the majority. We think we have selected an unusually striking arrangement of the school insignia.

"May 20th. The performance which we gave today was a great success. We stopped the show when we sang 'All Right, Louie, Drop The Gun,' in honor of Mr. Buckwalter."

Winnie turned to June, 1949, but nothing was written under that date. "Well," she exclaimed in surprise, "evidently they doesn't do anything in June." But she was mistaken, for on the next page was a report of a trip that had been taken after school was over.

Snippet read: "June 21st. Mr. Alderfer took us to the Philadelphia Zoo today. The group consisted of Marcia Hall, Wanda Tomas, Vicky George, June Laverty, Jane Camaho, Jean Olexa, Edith Richards, Anne Thompson, and Marcia's sister-in-law, who drove one car while Mr. Alderfer drove the other.

"After making the acquaintance of the various inhabitants of the zoo, we went to Montgomery County Park to swim and to eat. We returned home about 10 p.m., tired and happy."

Wicky took the book from Winnie and hunted for the Junior news. He found it on page 75. "This must have been an important year," said Wicky. "Listen!"

"September 7th. We are back in school again. Most of our classmates are in Room 10 with Mr. Baker; the others are in Room 12 with Miss Lynch. Class officers are almost the same as last year: Oscar Darlington, president; Richard Smith, vice-president; Betty Cooper, secretary; Elma Stoudt, treasurer.

"November 20th. Mr. Baker reminded us that we would need money for Washington next year, so we are undertaking a magazine sale.

"December 4th. The proceeds of the sale brought one good credit to some of our class. Now we must look forward to our class play.

"February 17th. We seem to be famous for our assembly programs. This time we performed as pupils from Mrs. Clark's English classes, putting on a Brotherhood Week program, "The Story of Jimmy". Using a musical play as a medium, we showed how Jimmy (James Jones) was stricken with the disease racial prejudice. He was finally cured by the famous physician, (William Jones). We think we convinced everyone of the folly of prejudices. Highlights of the program included vocal solos by June Camaho and Gary Buckwalter.

"April 13th. This was the big night for those with dramatic talent. Our mystery comedy 'Ghost Wanted' offered our audience laughter and suspense and was enthusiastically received. Mr. Smith was our patient and capable coach.

"April 28th. Another big event on the agenda—the Junior-Senior Prom. Our theme was "Twilight Time," and the gym was transformed into a lovely spot, decorated in our class colors, rose and silver. We danced from nine until midnight to the music of Bob Hartman's orchestra. After intermission, we crowned the King and Queen of Twilight Time—James Orardesh and Phyllis Fulmer. Memories of that happy evening will stay with us for a long time.

"June 1st. Many juniors went on the Travel Club trip up the Hudson River to West Point. The continuous rain failed to dampen our spirits.

"June 6th. The thrill of the year was the moment on Commencement Night, when our class president received the mantle from Stephen Bodolus, president of the class of '50. Now we are

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seniors; it's hard to realize that we are standing on the threshold of our greatest year."

"September 7th, 1950, is the next date," said Winnie.

"Today was the first day of school. We are all in Room 9 with Miss Delp as home room teacher. Mr. Alderfer and Mrs. Clark, along with Miss Delp, are our class advisors."

"The pages under September 11th, 12th, and 15th are full," remarked Wicky, "but we will read all about the Washington trip when we get out the yearbook, so I'll skip that part."

"September 22nd. We elected class officers. Darlington and Smith are still president and vice president. There's a change in the other two offices. Shirley Stauffer will be our secretary and we gave two treasurers to check on our complicated finances—Annie Thompson and Robert Yergey.

"October 2nd. We have candy and chrysanthemums to sell and are sending for Christmas cards. So we'll soon be busy working off our credits.

"November 6th. Today prospects for ads for the senior play program were apportioned. We're really burning up shoe leather trying to carry on all these financial ventures.

Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. This year our football team, led by Captain Frances Wampler, captured the Little Four trophy of the Perkiomen-Schuylkill Valley League.

"December 8th. Our class play is over, after two nights of presentation. It was "Clementine," a comedy about teen-agers. The cast fitted their roles perfectly.

"March 9th. After much head-scratching for new ideas, Robert Grossman got the brilliant thought of making the theme of our senior dance a deck of cards. The decorations were very clever. Christine Swavely and Donald Sherrick were elected "Joker and Joker-ess," crowned, and presented with gifts. A big crowd, including lots of visitors from other schools, attended the dance.

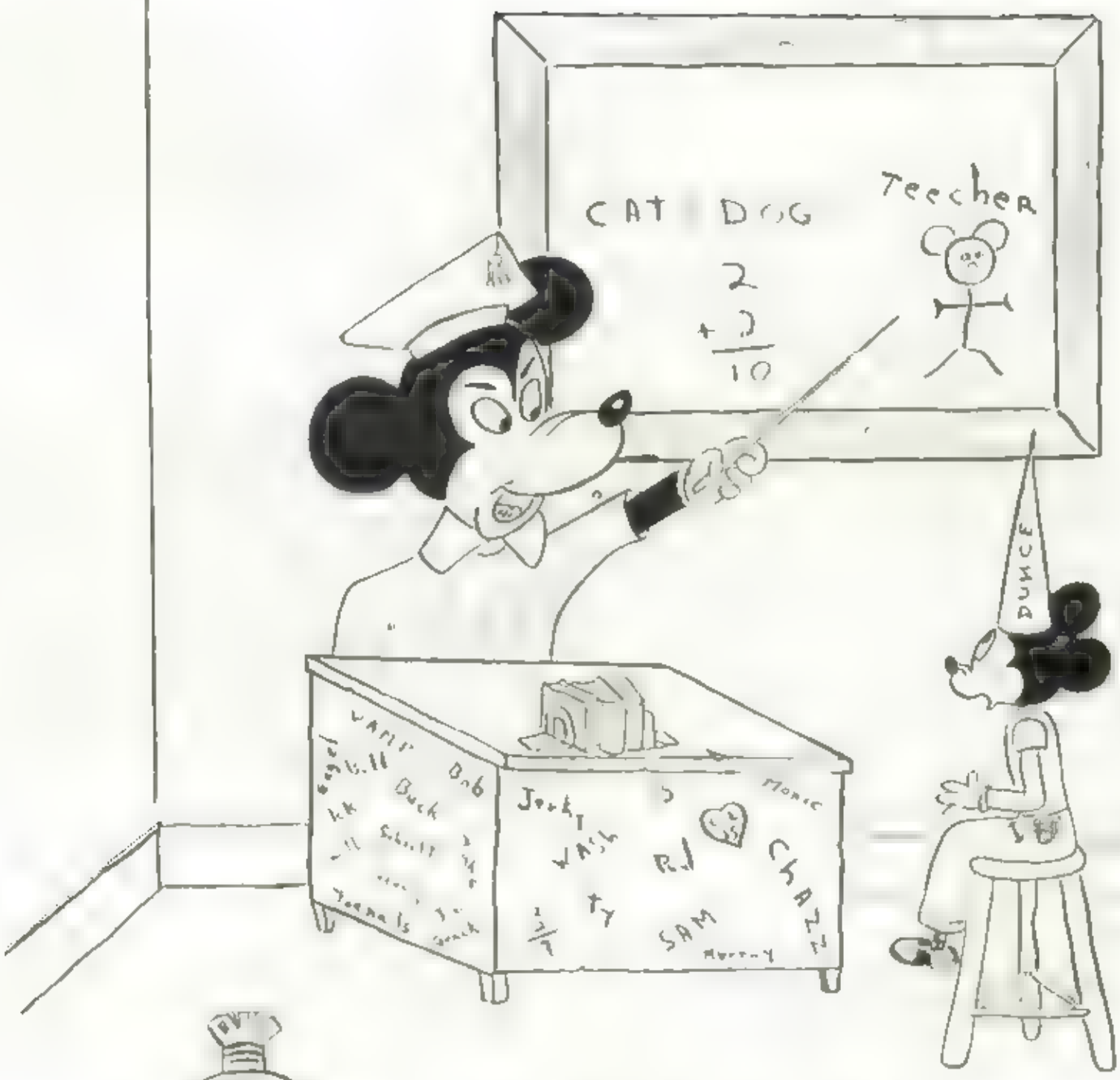
"April 27th. It was our turn to be Prom guest tonight—no worries for us this year about decorations and music. The decorations, a 'Fantasy in Pastel' were lovely, George Welsh and his orchestra provided excellent dance music; altogether it was a perfect evening.

"June 1st. Well, gang, frankly we amazed ourselves by getting through Class Night so well. After all those confused and sketchy rehearsals—we must be geniuses, that's all!

"Sunday, June 2nd. Our Baccalaureate Night was a very solemn occasion and we behaved with all the necessary formality. Guess most people were so serious because we realized how close we are to the end of our school years. Baccalaureate was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, South Pottstown. Reverend George F. Ichorn preached a very inspirational sermon.

"June 5th. It's simply incredible. To think that it's over—Commencement, of course. Now we have that precious piece of paper—a diploma—to show that we have completed our years in high school. Dr. Harry V. Masters, the speaker of the evening, gave us some good advice and plenty of worthwhile ideas to think about as we go out into life.

"June 6th. This morning we marched to the last assembly, where we occupied seats of honor on the stage. Although we had looked forward to this day, we felt sad at the thought of leaving the school and being separated from our classmates. So with high hopes for the days ahead and kind thoughts of those to whom we must say 'good-bye,' we write finis to this chapter of our lives and turn to the pages of the future."



UNDER CLASSMEN

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First row, left to right: J. J. [illegible], J. [illegible], L. Hatcher, V. Yocum, M. Torak, S. Lightcap, B. Ely, D. Shensley, W. Rhymer, M. [illegible], Buckwalter, C. Brown, [illegible] Swavely, M. Rothenberger, M. Swavely, J. Overholtzer, T. Smith.

Second row: R. Roberts, P. McCrudden, J. Stoner, B. Spohn, J. Dykstra, R. Tiernan, M. [illegible], L. Wilson, R. Butler, A. Latch, A. Sensel, D. Kuntzelman, H. Reel, J. Cisarik, H. Kuczyski, E. Evans.

Third row: H. Hoffman, K. Kenn, R. Swavely, P. Lang, E. Clemens, G. Wampler, D. Camacho, R. Trythall, J. Kreps, R. Goss, W. Palmer, E. Lockowitz, W. McKee, L. Keeler, R. Day, O. Prabanick, W. Sulinock.

Fourth row: R. Habel, R. Yo[illegible], J. Chopper, [illegible], J. Fry, C. Meiki.

Fifth row: Mr. P. Baker, advisor; Miss D. Lynch, advisor; Miss H. McCardle, advisor.

CLASS OF '52

To the Seniors of '51 we, the Juniors of North Coventry High School, wish to extend our most hearty wishes for a happy and successful life. We hope you will be well rewarded for the years you have so faithfully given here.

We, as well as the Seniors, have spent many wonderful years in North Coventry. Every dance and every competitive sport has held great enjoyment for all. The Junior-Senior Prom seems to top off each year just right with its delightful decorations and atmosphere of glamor. Our class play, "Straws for Two," was a tremendous hit, displaying the dramatic ability of many of our class. This project also aided us financially.

We owe much of our success as Juniors to our class officers—William Rhymer, president; Donald Shensley, vice-president; Marlyn Berrian, secretary; Barbara Ely, treasurer; and also our class advisors—Miss Lynch, Mr. Baker, and Miss McCardle—who have led us to the doorway of the goal we are about to obtain.

We, the seniors-to-be, hope that we can set as fine an example as has been set for us by these Seniors of '51. We shall endeavor to gain and maintain the good will of our schoolmates and the faculty members by conducting ourselves as good citizens of North and by enlarging our knowledge.

So to the Seniors we say: "May you go as much for the world into which you go as you have done for North Coventry in the past."

Class of '53

[illegible] Smith, A. Baumm, A. Reinstein, [illegible] Hoffman, H. Detwiler, A. [illegible] R. Steele [illegible] Fifth row [illegible] Brown, advisor [illegible]

Class of '54

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ALL AROUND SCHOOL

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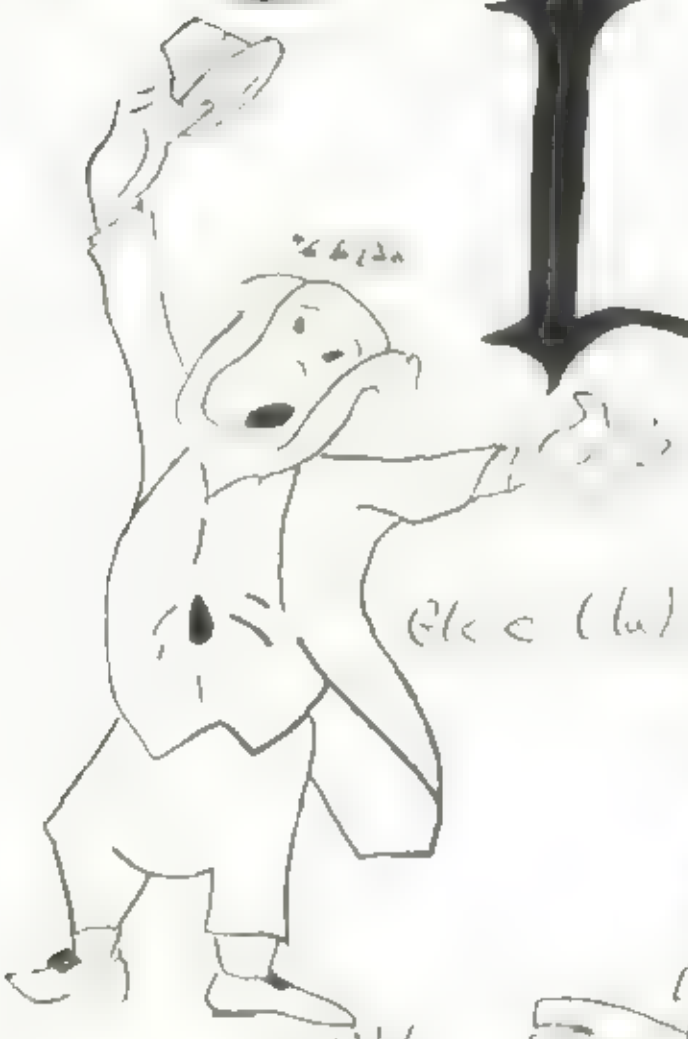


Senior Glee Club

Junior Glee Club

Choristers

Boys' Glee Club

Patrol

F. F. A.

"Norco News"

[illegible]

Camera Club

Front row, left to right -1 [illegible], J. Camaho, J. Laverty, V. George, [illegible]
Second row - M. A. Allerfer, advisor, T. Munger, D. Sheasley, J. Fry, W. Rhymer, C. Eckel

Allied Youth

Twirling Club

[illegible] row, left to right: R. Meyer, L. McAfee, N. McElroy, R. Clark, [illegible] F. Arian, P. Logan, R. [illegible] J. Overholtzer, S. Lightcap, D. Wolf, H. Detwiler, K. Benfer [illegible] twirler Majorette, A. Thompson, W. Powell, K. Collins, J. [illegible] Hoey, H. Smith, W. [illegible] Stoner, E. Leary, J. Fry, E. [illegible]

BAND

The North Coventry Band was formed in 1948 by Mr. William F. Lamb, Jr., director, and Mr. Earl Pierson and Mr. Norman Leppard, assistant directors. At that time the band numbered fifty-five members. The uniforms were provided in 1949 through the efforts of the North Coventry Alumni Association.

The school year of 1950-51 was an unusually busy and successful one. The group was on hand at all football games and added greatly to the color and spirit of those occasions. The band also played at the Safety Conference held in Pottstown and at the meeting of the Chester County School Directors. The annual concert was given on May 28th; and, as a final performance, the band played for a half hour before the commencement exercises took place on June 5th.

There are now forty members in our organization: five juniors, ten sophomores, three ninth graders, four eighth graders, nine from the seventh grade, six from sixth grade and two fifth graders. The one senior who has remained faithful is Annie Thompson, who performs on the clarinet.

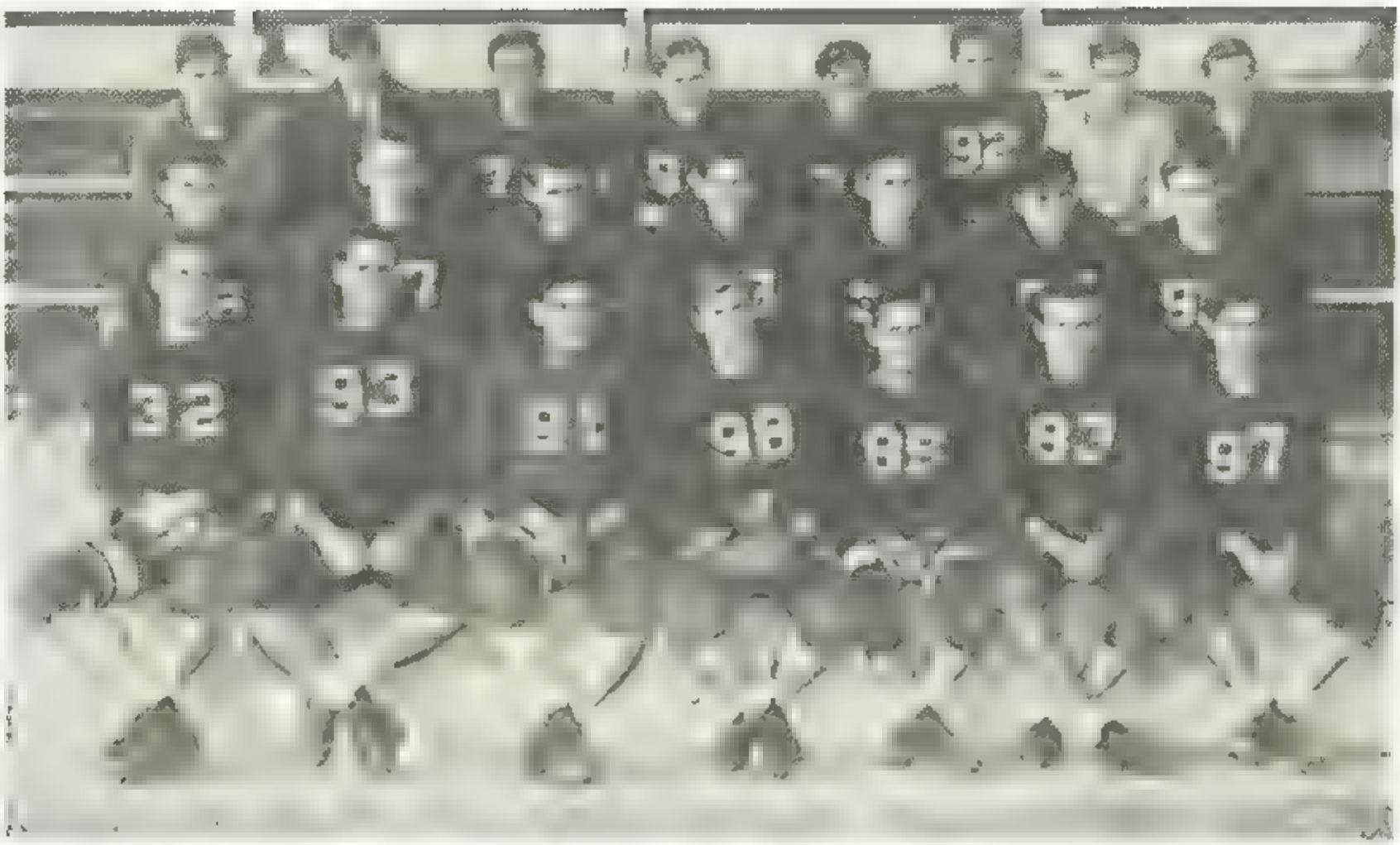
Five juniors, [illegible] and one sophomore form the group of color guard: [illegible] Christine Swavely is our capable drum major, and help to make our display on the football field so attractive and effective.

Mr. Lamb, director, and Mr. Leppard, his assistant, have done a fine job of developing this musical group into a proficient organization.

SOPHISTICATED SENIORS


SPORTS

ONWARD, NORCO!



[illegible] Buckwalter, F. Bebolas, F. Wampler, L. Bettler, G. [illegible]
[illegible] W. Rhymer, F. March, F. Kerlin, O. Prisbanick, W. Fulmer [illegible] D. Cumalio, J. Petrick, N. [illegible]

1950 FOOTBALL WILDCATS

The North Coventry football team of 1950 was small in number but great in spirit and determination. The Cats played through the season with no more than seventeen men on the squad. Despite the lack of manpower, the Cats mustered a respectable record of five wins and four losses in the Perkiomen-Schuylkill Valley League. They also won the championship of the Little Four, and were the swing team of the circuit.

Thanks to the superb coaching of Mr. William Paloantonio, and to the hard conditioning the players received, there were very few mishaps throughout the season.

NORCO ROLLS OVER COLLEGEVILLE, 13-8

The driving legs of Franny Wampler brought the Wildcats victory in their inaugural game of the season. The [illegible] drives [illegible] up the middle [illegible] twenty, then [illegible] the pick-[illegible] and the win to the Cats. The Norco [illegible] were held at bay over the first three periods but, when the center of the line started opening wide for Wampler in the final stanza, the fat was in the fire. A recovered fumble by Bill Rhymer on the Collegeville [illegible] yard line plus three [illegible] downs gave the Wildcats the winning touchdown. The extra point came via a pass by Wampler to Bill Jones.

ROYERSFORD SQUASHES WILDCATS, 42-6

A big tough Royersford team spelled too much for a dogged Norco eleven and gave the Cats their first loss of the season. Although Norco played well, Royersford took advantage of a few intercepted passes to set up four touchdowns. After the Eagles scored two quick TD's in the opening quarter, the Wildcats couldn't hold up until the final seconds were ticking off the clock. This came when Fanny Wampler hit "Snap" Jones with a bullseye pass which covered some thirty-five yards.

NORCO LOSES HEARTBREAKER TO BOYERTOWN, 27-12

The Boyertown Bears took advantage of fine blocking in the third period and scored on an 80-

[illegible] school [illegible] which took the wind out of the Wildcat [illegible]. The first half was a tough battle all the way, with the score in favor of Boyertown, 14-12. Norco scored on a pass from Frances Wampler to Bill Jones, good for a sixty yard touchdown. Thanks to an excellent block thrown by Charles Murray. The next score came when Washer Beidler squirmed off tackle and picked up good blocking by Rhyano Badger, Jones and Wampler, to counter on a 65 yard broken field run. After the first half, the Cats' point machine could not get rolling, therefore they dropped a hard played game.

EAST GREENVILLE CRUSHES CATS, 43-0

Slippery Mike Dosa of East Greenville couldn't be stopped by the Norco defense. Although the Wildcats played a vicious brand of ball through the four quarters, the Greenie avalanche could not be stopped. Norco picked up substantial gains and threatened a few times, but pay dirt could not be found. A few long pass plays, which were completed by the Cats, kept the game from being a runaway, and gave the Greenie boys something to think about.

WILDCATS CRIMP WYOMISSING, 21-6

The Norco boys had the Wyomissing Sunsets on their home field and drove them to defeat, by way of a well balanced scoring attack. The scoring opened in the first quarter, when Washer Beidler picked a twenty yard aerial into the waiting arms of Frances Wampler, who took it in the end zone. Wampler's placekick spot the upright, and the score read 7-0. But after the kickoff to the Sunsets, Gray marched 80 yards on a sustained drive which made the score at the quarter 7-6. The score stayed this way until the middle of the third quarter, when Tony Beidler turned end for a thirty five yard T.D. In the fourth quarter, "Snap" Jones glue-fingered a Sunset pass and ran unmolested for forty yards for the final score. Wampler passed to Jones for the extra point, thus concluding the scoring for the day. Thanks to the Wildcats' hard-charging line, the Wyomissing boys could not get started after the first quarter.

SPRING CITY SQUEEZES BY CATS, 19-12

Two blocked kicks turned this hard-fought contest into a victory for the Pirates of Spring City. The Wildcats ran everywhere up to the goal posts, but they could not capitalize on the breaks of the game.

In the first quarter Spring City opened the scoring, when Horace Carl broke in from his end position to block Wampler's punt. While scooping it down, the ball rolled into the end zone and Carl fell upon it. This made the score 6-0. But Norco came back on a 60 yard drive, finished off by a 5 yard plunge over the goal line. The extra point was no good and the score read 7-6. In the second quarter Dick Rosen plunged over for Spring City's second T.D. In the third quarter, the Pirates blocked another Cat punt, which set up their final score. Rosen drove over from the five yard line to make it 19-6. In the fourth quarter, Larry Beidler shot off tackle for an eleven-yard T.D.

NORCO PULVERIZES SCHWENKSVILLE, 27-0

Hard working Frances Wampler guided Norco High to its third victory by scoring three times against the Blackbirds. The first touchdown came on a fifty yard drive climaxed by a plunge from the one yard stripe by Wampler. Again in the third and fourth frames Wampler found pay dirt in the same manner. Then, late in the last quarter Wayne Palmer, a reserve halfback, drove off tackle for two yards for the final score.

WILDCATS STEM PENNSBURG, 33-7

With Frances Wampler and Washer Beidler hitting pay dirt two times each and Gary Buckwalter scoring another, the Norco boys drove over Pennsburg High for their fourth win of the season. This game offered many scoring opportunities for the Cats, because their hard-charging line was opening holes large enough to drive a truck through. Norco scored in every period of the game and gave the fans something to talk about when they reeled off many long runs.

NORCO TRIUMPHS OVER WEST POTTSGROVE, 13-0

The Wildcats brought home to North Coventry the Perk's League Crown of the "Little Four Conference" on Thanksgiving day. Soon after the opening kickoff Frances Wampler drove over from the four yard line for the first score. In the second period, Washer Beidler carried an off-tackle play for the second touchdown; Wampler added the extra point and the score was 13-0. The second half was purely a defensive game, but the Cats dug in and kept the hopeful Falcons from scoring.

[illegible] row, left to right—B. [illegible], V. George, co-captain, J. Smith, A. Miller, P. Logan, [illegible] S. Kellar, J. [illegible], co-captain, R. Bitler, N. Orandosh, M. Torok, Miss J. Deep [illegible]

NORCO'S BEST

In the fall of 1950, ten cheerleaders were chosen from a group of twenty-one girls, including those returning from last year's squad. The girls each did several cheers before the judges, who were all members of the faculty. The two girls receiving the highest rating were Vicky George and Jane Camalio, who were chosen co-captains. The rest of the squad consisted of Rosa[illegible] Bitler and Medea Torok, juniors, Shirley Kellar, Barbara Cressman, Patsy Loughin and Adelia Miller, sophomores, Jean Smith and Nancy Orandosh, freshmen.

These girls were always on the front line, cheering their teams to victory. Their efforts were rewarded, for our football team won the "Perk" League Class B trophy, and the basketball team came out on top as the Class C Champions of our district, thus getting into the district play-off.

The greatest of all our pep rallies was the one that climaxed our football season, the day before Thanksgiving. The football team broke through a huge football on the stage and was greeted by loud cheers from the student body. The band added to the enthusiasm, when it played the school songs.

On December 2nd, a successful Cheerleaders' Dance was held in honor of the football team. The gym was decorated with banners from the pep rallies and with posters congratulating the football team upon its fine work.

Throughout the year, the cheerleaders raised enough money to purchase new uniforms for next year's use. Miss Deep, who is the cheerleaders' able and competent advisor, was a help and inspiration throughout the season.

We want to thank the students for their support and enthusiasm at all the games. Their wonderful spirit helped Norco High to "Make That Goal."

[illegible] P. McCrudden, L. Hatcher, J. Giles, C. Swavely, captain, E. Ewa[illegible]
[illegible] A. Bauman, J. Cisarik, M. Kertner, S. Mauser, C. Luft, [illegible]
Third row: Miss D. Lynch, coach, R. Gorman, manager, J. Cornelius, B. Lloyd, M. Long, G. [illegible]
[illegible] J. Richards, K. Evans, B. Landis, G. Strum, M. Cisarik, N. McFatey, man[illegible]

HOCKEY

Hockey is only a memory to the girls who played the 1950 season. [illegible] memories of evenings of strenuous drill under the coaching of Miss Doris Lynch, of hard-fought games, of rejoicing over victories, of disappointments over defeats.

The varsity was made up of one senior, eight juniors, and two sophomores. This group was sparked by a capable captain, Christine Swavely, '52.

Our only regular senior player, Joyce Giles, was our most versatile hockeyist. She claimed right inner as her position, but in the course of the season, played almost every position. She was outstanding in her [illegible] defeating the ball around the balled opponents. Another senior, Jane Cannata, was of help to us when we were meeting [illegible]. Although Jane was unable to practice with us, several times she filled in on the junior varsity and did a nice job.

The varsity ended the year with three wins and five losses, a record which does not reveal entirely some of the good playing, the cooperation of the Norcoites, and the hard times we gave those opponents who won by only one point. As we lost but one player we anticipate a better [illegible] season.

The junior varsity, captained by Phyllis McCrudden, had a better record, with five wins, two defeats, and one tie—with Collegeville Trappe.

The season did not bring all the victories we wanted, but the girls feel that we have achieved more than the winning of games. The playing at all times was marked by good sportsmanship and a [illegible] feeling between rivals.

We owe much to our coach, Miss Lynch, who worked so hard with us. She was a cheerful, patient, and [illegible] leader, helping us at all times. The senior player bids you all farewell, with these words: "Good luck and good luck, girls, and always keep before you our motto: 'The team that can't be beat won't be beat.'"

FINAL TALLIES

	Norco	Visitors		Norco	Visitor
Pennsburg	1	0	Collegeville-Trappe	0	5
[illegible]	0	1	West Pottsgrove	3	0
East Greenville	0	3	Schwenksville	4	0
Boyertown	0	1	Royersford	0	1

First row, left to right: L. Beidler, E. Clemens, O. Darlington, J. Jones, G. Buckwalter, W. Jones, P. Lang, D. Tyson, F. Wampler, R. Cressman.
Second row: W. Rhymer, L. Assco, manager, D. Shensley, W. Fulmer, G. Wampler, J. Clemens, J. Kreps, L. Porter, R. Swavely, W. Kinckner, R. Trythall, D. Canalo, manager, J. Brown, manager, G. Shensley, manager.
Third row: L. Keeler, J. Petrick, E. Kully, P. Penta, C. Baker, Mr. L. Buckwalter, coach, Mr. C. A. Brown, coach.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Cat quintet of '50 and '51 broke every scoring record in the history of North Coventry. The shot happy Wildcats amassed a total of 1,146 points in 19 games. The Norco team also won the Class C championship of the Perkiomen-Schuylkill Valley League, but lost to Jenkintown by three points in the District I playoffs.

The scoring for the Wildcats was done chiefly by four players. They were Gene Clemens, ace marksman of the team with 362 points; Os Darlington, with 265; Bill Jones, with 234; and Gary Buckwalter with 139 points. The top scoring effort made by any team in Norco history came from the hands of this Norco quintet, when they chalked up 89 points against Collegeville. The record for one game in scoring was made by Gene Clemens, who bagged 37 points against West Pottsgrove. Leading in assists was Bob Cressman, the pass master of the team.

FINAL SCORING

	G.	F.G.	F.	T.P.		G.	F.G.	F.	T.P.
Clemens	19	159	44	362	Beidler	12	9	3	21
Darlington	19	113	39	265	Wampler	7	4	1	9
W. Jones	19	92	50	234	Tyson	11	1	3	5
Buckwalter	19	58	23	139	J. Jones	6	2	0	4
Cressman	19	30	6	66	Fulmer	1	0	1	1
Lang	12	15	10	40					

CLASSICS OF THE YEAR

NORCO NICKS SCHWENKSVILLE

In a game played at the Schwenksville court, the Wildcats fought off a stalwart band of Bluecoats by a 46-45 count. Tom Lentz Beaver's only goal of the evening in the last two seconds saved the game. Gary Buckwalter had stolen the ball and missed a "lay-up," after which Beaver was right on the spot to score the winning points. The scoring leaders of the night were Os Darlington with 15 markers and Buckwalter with 13 points.

NORCO WHIPS PENNSBURG, 54-52

The Wildcats took over second place in the Perk League for the first time in the season, when they defeated the Pennsburg Bulldogs on the Cats' court. By this win Norco became the top Class C team and, at that point in the season, needed only three victories or Pennsburg's defeat or a combination of both to win the championship.

Pennsburg led all the way until the opening of the fourth quarter, when Jones, Darlington, and Clemens each scored to put Norco ahead 46-44. The Cats' lead was boosted to 50-44 on deuces by Darlington and Clemens. The Bulldogs came roaring back to tie the score at 50. Clemens made a jump-shot, after which Charley Thomas sent a sizzler from mid-court to knot the score once more. With twenty seconds left, Clemens sank the deciding goal, to give Norco the win.

Clemens was high scorer, with 18 points, while Darlington had 17 to his credit.

NORCO BEATS GREENIES

After engulphing twenty-six straight Perk League foes, East Greenville finally met its match and lost to Norco, 76-66, on the Wildcats' court.

Norco took the lead early in the game, using a zone defense to keep down the Greenies' scoring. At the quarter, Norco led 18-16, but increased this margin to 40-35 at the half. The Wildcats outscored their foe, 35-31, in the second half, bringing the score to a 75-66 total. This was the Perk League upset of the year.

Bill Jones was high for Norco with 24 points. Clemens, Darlington and Buckwalter followed with 18, 18, and 14 points respectively. High scorers for the Greenies were Oplinger, Miller, and Swenk with 20, 18, and 11, in that order.

NORCO ENTERS DISTRICT PLAY-OFF

In the first interleague playoff that North Coventry has ever played, the Wildcats took a 52-49 nipping at the hands of Jenkintown.

Jenkintown started with four quick goals before Norco sighted their basket. Darlington then scored a foul and a field goal, while the Jenks still galloped on, to a 14-3 total at the quarter.

In the second quarter Jones caught fire with five field goals. Buckwalter and Clemens each tossed a field goal to put Norco right back in the game at half time 22-17.

The third quarter was a more evenly matched one, but still Norco was outscored, 22-19. In that period, Darlington and Clemens each made three deuces to make up twelve of the Cats' precious points. In the last quarter Norco closed the gap to 52-49 by outscoring the Jenks, 10-8, but the desperate effort didn't net quite enough points.

Clarence and Jim Watts were high men for the Jenks, with 24 and 12 points respectively; while Jones was the leader for Norco with 18 points. Clemens and Darlington followed with 17 and 10 points.

SEASON'S RECORD

Norco		Opponents	Norco		Opponents
56	Morgantown	41	69	Royersford	55
78	Honeybrook	32	89	Collegeville	68
64	Spring City (overtime)	62	46	Schwenksville	45
42	Royersford (2 overtimes)	44	54	Pennsburg	52
56	Collegeville	52	75	East Greenville	66
59	Schwenksville	29	58	Boyertown	63
41	Pennsburg	43	82	West Pottsgrove	49
29	East Greenville	48	49	Jenkintown*	52
79	West Pottsgrove	45			
74	Boyertown	63	1146		976
46	Spring City	53			

* District I playoff

Average score per game—North Coventry 60.3 Average score per game—Opponents 50.9

[illegible] to right: K. Evan[illegible] [illegible] Heap, J. Shaner [illegible] M. [illegible] Berger, manager; B. [illegible] M. [illegible] m, G. Keeler, J. Richar[illegible] [illegible] manager; Miss J. Delp, [illegible] M. [illegible]

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

An enthusiastic group of girls reported at the beginning of the basketball season to Coach Jesse Delp, who proceeded to give them some vigorous work-outs. The opener in the Perkiomen-Schuylkill Valley League was a game with Royersford, which resulted in a defeat for the Red and White. This [illegible] the morale of our players. They [illegible] a good brand of ball throughout the season. Several of the games were the heartbreaking type, in which our opponents, during those last fleeting seconds of the game, dropped the ball through the cords, spelling defeat for Norco by a narrow margin. Our Perkiomen-Schuylkill record stands at three wins and four losses.

We are very optimistic about next year's season, as our entire varsity squad will be back with us. We also have good hopes for next year's J. V.

The girls on this year's squad were Cleo Brown, Jane Shaner, Phyllis McCrudden, Esther Evans, Marilyn Rothenberger, Beverly Spohn, Rena Tiernan, Kathryn Evans, Victoria George, Joyce Richards, Doris Faye Darlington, Barbara Pike, Joan Torak, Virginia Pierce, Gladys Shrum, Gladys Keeler, Marilyn Long, Patsy Loughin, Shirley Lightcap, Mildred Luft. Our only senior, Victoria George, was a J. V. forward and a varsity sub. She was an enthusiastic and cooperative player, faithful in practice and fighting hard whenever she was on the floor.

SUMMARY OF GAMES

	Visitors	Norco		Visitors	Norco
Royersford	38	24	Collegeville	31	26
East Greenville	21	33	Schwenksville	30	28
Pennsburg	26	37	Boyertown	48	21
Warwick	28	23	West Pottsgrove	30	48

WASHINGTON TRIP

On a rainy Monday morning, September 11, at seven o'clock, the seniors boarded a Greyhound bus to start on our long-awaited trip to Washington, under the supervision of our chaperons, Miss Delp and Mr. Baker. The first part of our journey was rather quiet, except for a few rounds of laughter, caused by some "corny" senior jokes. No doubt most of us were thinking of the excitement in store for us or perhaps we were tired from the unusual early rising hour. It isn't every morning at seven that one catches a bus to Washington.

Our first stop, the Oxford Greyhound Bus Station, was the midpoint of our trip. Our half-hour stay gave some of us a chance to fill up on a second breakfast, while others, especially the girls, "freshened up" a bit. Jack, our singing driver, then called us back to the bus and we were off on the last leg of the journey.

There could be no lovier place for our first stop in the capital city than the Franciscan Monastery. Here we saw many beautiful reproductions of the original monasteries in Rome. Some of our playful classmates wanted to stay there and play tag among the catacombs. However, we came out to enjoy the lovely gardens.

A short drive brought us to the Hotel Lafayette, where the boys helped to carry in our bags, and where we all checked in for our rooms. Following a quick change and a rush for the elevators, we were all together again in a private dining-room for lunch. Ah! What service! Yes, the food, too, was good! But then, wild onions and garlic would have tasted good after that long ride.

Immediately after lunch we visited the Jefferson Memorial, where our class photograph was taken. A few seconds later rain began to fall and we scattered for the bus. By the time we arrived at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the rain had stopped, but just long enough to see the guard march back and forth three or four times. It was an unlucky break for the girls, because they couldn't see whether the guard ever flirted with pretty girls when he was on duty. Betty Cooper and Joyce Gries entertained all passers-by with their race down the steps in their stocking feet.

The next point of interest was Mt. Vernon. We enjoyed the quaint gardens, laid out just as Martha Washington planned them, and the beautiful mansion, furnished as it was in the days of our first president.

By this time we had worked up good appetites for our dinner at the hotel. The entertainment for Monday evening was a moonlight cruise up the Potomac River on a pleasure yacht, the U. S. S. Mount Vernon. Most of us danced, while others watched the "Harbor Lights." Upon our return to the hotel, we checked in for a good night's sleep—at least, that's what a few of us attempted to do. But some time during the late (and early) hours, pillows began to fly, races were staged up and down the hall, and quiet shows were scarce. Strange how quiet time flies! It seemed that we had had only a few minutes of sleep when the telephone rang and a voice said, "It is now 6:45. Breakfast will be served at 7:30."

So up and at 'em for another breath-taking day. On Tuesday we visited the F.B.I. Building, the Mint, the Congressional Library, the Capitol Building, the Pan-American Building, the National Art Gallery, Smithsonian Institute and the Washington Monument.

Tuesday evening was our free night, which meant that we could choose our own activity for the evening. Many of us went to an early movie, after which we explored part of the city. Some went swimming in the beautiful pool at the Ambassador Hotel. All of us got a glimpse of Washington which was very different from the usual tourist attractions.

Tuesday night in the hotel was another unforgettable one, but we did manage to squeeze in a little sleep. On Wednesday we awoke to see another cloudy sky above us. The morning tour took us first to St. Alban's Cathedral. The part of the church that is completed was constructed largely through many small individual contributions. Our class gave enough money to add one more stone to this beautiful source of religious devotion. On the way back to our hotel, we saw the homes of various delegations and representatives from foreign nations.

Regretfully we ate our lunch—the last meal in Washington. Then we packed our clothing and souvenirs and climbed aboard the bus. We proceeded to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, where we toured the grounds, visited the chapel, gymnasium, and training ship. There was much oohing and aahing among our girls. There's something about a uniform that causes this reaction.

The last stop of the trip was the bus restaurant near Oxford, where we ate the last meal of our trip. Could it be only three days since we had stopped there for breakfast? Yes, only three days, but among the best of our life, and days that we shall never forget.

The home-coming stretch was an exciting one. The air was filled with songs, jokes, giggles, and laughs. Before long we recognized familiar landmarks, and then we were back at the school on Norco Hill. Friends and families were there to meet us, all happy to have us home again. We were glad to relax and get a good night's sleep, but the next day when it was time to resume school work, many of us thought longingly of those days in Washington, filled to the brim with new places, sights, sounds, and adventures.

WASHINGTON WHIRL

As We See Them

NAME	FAVORITE SONG	FAVORITE PASTIME
Larry Beidler	"There's Been A Change In Me"	Football
Paul Bodolus	"If"	Fishing and Football
Gary Buckwalter	"Harbor Lights"	Sports
Jane Camalo	"Because"	Watching television
Betty Cooper	"It Had To Be You"	Talking
Robert Cressman	"Stardust"	Basketball
Oscar Darlington	"Sparrow In The Tree Top"	Basketball
John D'Luzen	"Sam's Song"	Fooling around with cars
Marjorie Frain	"Zing, Zing, Zoom, Zoom"	Laughing
Nadine Frain	"To Think You've Chosen Me"	Talking
Victoria George	"They're Playing Our Song"	Talking on the telephone
Joyce Giles	"No Other Love"	Playing sports
Mary Hansley	"Sentimental Me"	Pestering Tom
Marcia Hohl	"Some Enchanted Evening"	Writing to Court
Robert Ickes	"Prisoner's Song"	In the great outdoors
William Jones	"If"	Athletics
James Jones	"Shotgun Boogie"	Baseball
Charles Lambour	"Pagan Love Song"	Girls and convertibles
June Laverty	"Would I Love You"	Talking
Charles Leyrer	"Mountain Dew"	Fishing and reading
Thomas Mauger	"The Roving Kind"	Riding motorcycles
Heber McGowan	"Shotgun Boogie"	Running around
Mary McGowan	"My Heart Cries For You"	Driving a '38 Plymouth
Pearl McMullen	"Till The End Of Time"	Thinking of "Wob"
Charles Murray	"There's Been A Change In Me"	Football
Janet Nimmerichter	"Tennessee Waltz"	Watching television
Jean Olexa	"No Other Love"	Chewing gum
Arthur Quackenbos	"Shotgun Boogie"	Running around
Edith Richards	"Thinking Of You"	Talking on the telephone
George Roadcap	"Chew Tobacco Rag"	Looking for girls
Melvin Scheidt	"The Thing"	Pepping up outboards
Richard Smith	"Chew Tobacco Rag"	Looking for girls
Shirley Stauffer	"Everytime We Say Good-by"	Writing to Steve
Elma Stoudt	"No Other Love"	Writing to Harold and sleeping
Annie Thompson	"Shotgun Boogie"	Driving a '35 Plymouth
Donald Tyson	"In The Mood"	Writing to "Jo"
Francis Wampler	"Mocking Bird Hill"	Outdoor life
Robert Yergey	"I Apologize"	Basketball

As We See Them

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS	FAVORITE EXPRESSION	CAN BE FOUND
His shortness	"Tramp that gas!"	Any place
His black wavy hair	"Forget it"	Porter's Hollow
His ability to do math.	"Uh-huh"	Practicing sports
Her sweet singing voice	"You don't know, do you?"	With Gene
Her joviality	"Gosh darn it!"	Anywhere and everywhere
His neat appearance	"Knock it off!"	With Nancy
His subtle sense of humor	"Come here, Babe!"	Spring City
Never idle	"Gosh, Sam!"	Up the creek or under the hood.
Wittiness	"For crying in a bucket"	Feeding the cows
Her wide smile	"Oh, sugar!"	Almost any place
Her cute dimples	"I've got news for you"	Anywhere that June is.
Her naive sincerity	"My liver"	At Olsen's place
Pleasant disposition	"For Pete's sake"	You wouldn't believe it.
Her giggles	"Holy cow!"	In Florida - in imagination.
His crew cut	"You said it, kid"	Here, there, and everywhere
His overalls	"Ah reckon so"	On athletic field or court.
His good nature	"Bartering buddy"	On the farm
Sophisticated air	"George!"	With "Ty" and "Jerky"
Her pert Irish smile	"I thought I'd die"	Anywhere that Vicky is.
A spirit of readiness	"Crummy"	At the creek, fishing
His broad shoulders	"What say?"	At Young's Garage
His flashy red hair	"Okay"	Anywhere but school
An argumentative spirit	"That's what you think"	Any place but home
Her earnestness	"I don't know"	Anywhere that "Wob" is.
Gentlemanly manners	"Really living"	Any place
Her quietness	"Is anything wanted today?"	Home
Calmness in meeting all situations	"Aw, well"	Any place but home
His bashfulness	"It ain't easy"	At his job
Her amiability	"Well!"	Where "Sonny" is
His determination	"If you say so"	Grandy's
His forgetfulness	"Close the window"	Somewhere around a boat.
His forgiving spirit	"Hey, Babe!"	With George
Her fair complexion	"Steve might be home this weekend."	At the Cup
Her dancing brown eyes	"Heaven only knows"	With the excitement
Her consideration for others	"Goodness gracious"	Red Corner
Unbounded energy	"That's real, George!"	In Allentown
His sportsmanship	"Blame"	Within nature's realms.
Efficiency at work	"Holy mackerel!"	Delivering papers.

LEST WE FORGET

General School Memories

What happened when the 'wind' shattered the senior homeroom window . . . Norco whipped the East Greenville basketball team . . . the new parking lot was turned into a race track by some Norco drivers . . . the patrol boys failed to go on duty . . . the juniors met the seniors in a debating match . . . Bill Jones was at the Washington Monument . . . the senior photographers snapped twenty pictures and only two were good?

Don't mention: Betty Cooper's eating candy in P.O.D. class . . . Fireworks in room 9 . . . The noise in the library during activity period . . . Shutty's naps in class . . . the girls first baseball game with Pottstown . . . the reasons for seniors receiving their diplomas . . . the Draft Board . . . the financial credit the seniors had to earn . . . any tests we flunked . . . the time wasted in schoool . . . that late baseball practice after the Schwenksville game.

Who was responsible for: the winning basketball team . . . choosing the commencement announcements . . . smashing John DHazen's car . . . those long hours of homework . . . the football pep rallies . . . late "Norco News" assignments . . . the seniors on their Washington trip . . . collecting money for late library books . . . masking the gym classes clean black marks off the gym floor . . . starting to build the new school building . . . the late Monroe school bus . . . choosing the two juniors to take the patrol trip to Washington . . . directing the glee clubs.

There's a knack to getting class meetings in P.O.D. class . . . flying off at a tangent in psychology class . . . the way Pete Lang does the Charleston . . . explaining Washington or the seniors free night . . . winning the "Little Four" football trophy . . . getting twelve people into a car after a full hayride . . . writing friends and admiring people at Norco . . . the act of juggling and yo-yo playing especially by the artist, Melvin Scheidt.

Who made: the cakes for the patrol dance . . . the "A's" in geometry . . . Mrs. Clark fly into a rage in English class . . . the "pest" plague for Mary Hansley . . . all the points when Norco lost a basketball victory at West Pottsgrove . . . the plan for the gay decorations at the Senior Dance . . . the crowd stand while Shutty snapped its picture . . . all the jokes Gary Buckwalter tells . . . the most trades in the Senior Barter Association?

Thorns to all seniors who held off paying their class dues and other debts . . . thoughts of graduating . . . unexpected tests . . . many days when the seniors had gym class . . . Mr. Buckwalter when he gave the senior health class extra homework . . . those hard trigonometry problems.

Roses to Mrs. Clark for her patience with the yearbook workers . . . the juniors for their wonderful prom . . . those boys who sang the "Lord's Prayer" in assembly as punishment for teasing the girls . . . those who get everything they can out of school . . . the hard workers in the senior class.

What we will remember and miss the most: Our class advisors, Mrs. Clark, Miss Delp, and Mr. Alderfer . . . singing on the bus to away games . . . our jolly underclassmen . . . Mr. Grim, our school principal . . . our faithful teachers . . . the piano in Room 9 . . . the commercial and academic arrangements . . . our freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior dances . . . our wonderful school North Coventry . . . getting out of classes to work on extra-curricular activities . . . and never will we forget our classmates.

Highlights of Washington

Smith "cleaning up" . . . Boys with empty pockets . . . The manager surprising "Washer" . . . . **The "drunk" following Nadine on the boat . . . . The late hours we kept . . . . Murray colliding** with the manager . . . Schenot afraid to sleep with Rippel . . . Rudolus and Maxie moving furniture . . . Miss Delp playing Frankenstein . . . Shirley's shoes full of milkshake . . . . Marcia failing to find the hotel . . . Girl running the elevators . . . Jack singing and telling jokes . . . . "Washer" fascinated by the noise of a gun . . . The truck strap stunts that were taken . . . Low clouds on the bus . . . . **Annie and Edith tied to the beds . . . . Vicky's boy troubles . . . . Night walks in the park . . . .** Betty tempted by someone else's popcorn in the movie . . . . Joyce and Betty running in the rain in their stocking feet . . . Girls flirting with the Marines in the building across the street . . . Miss Delp intercepting a water pistol . . . Bob Cressman being Sir Walter Raleigh for Miss Delp . . . The charming Southern grade in the Capitol building . . . Melvin roaming in the halls . . . Country girls neglecting to pull the shades . . . Our moonlight cruise on the Potomac . . . Our aching feet . . . The party in Room 410 . . . The price of refreshments . . . . Everyone flooding the mail with post cards . . . Quack's collection of milk bottles . . . The sweet smelling waitress . . . Jean surprising Cressman . . . The chow line in Room 206 . . . . Marcia leaving her camera at the Washington monument . . . The girls getting to bed at four o'clock in the morning . . . The boys waking up in the morning with a headache . . . The boys throwing pennies off the top of the hotel . . . Bill Jones climbing the Washington monument twice . . . Miss Delp's demonstration for Jones's benefit . . . Straws sticking to the ceiling of the bus stop at Oxford . . . The quiet beauty of the Franciscan Monastery . . . High prices of souvenirs . . . Playing "Follow the Leader" with the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier . . . The airplane ride we didn't take . . . . Splashing in the three-day rain . . . . Jane "Limiting the breeze" to the parrot . . . Rippel getting a hot foot from Roadcap and Scott . . . The delicious food we had . . . The flashy suspenders of Bucky and Francis . . . . The cigars and money we gave Jack . . . The neat sailors at Annapolis . . . . The band on the boat playing the "Pennsylvania Polka" in our honor . . . . Those tempting bills in the Bureau of Printing and Engraving . . . The impressions of vastness and majesty in the St. Albans Cathedral . . . . Our resolutions to "be good" after going through the F. B. I. Building . . . . Our study of French - waitresses . . . Girls swooning over the guide in the F. B. I. Building . . . Bill Jones, vainly hunting a place to sleep . . . Swimming in the Embassy pool . . . Enjoying the stage shows in Washington theatres . . . "Destination - Moon" . . . Arthur's destination - Quackenbos Street . . . . Thrilling taxi **rides . . . . Hoping that next year's class will have as much fun as we did.**

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM, 1950

The biggest social event of our junior year was the Junior-Senior Prom. We can truthfully say that we had decided things well in advance, for we started planning for the Prom in the middle of the winter, even though the date was set for April 29th.

Our theme, "Twilight Time," was worked out in our class colors, rose and silver. The walls of the auditorium were completely covered by rose-colored streamers and garlands of silver flowers. In the center of the ceiling draped with streamers and twinkling with hundreds of silver stars was a huge revolving ball covered with mirrors and surrounded by colored lights. The stage, beautifully decorated with green grass and two huge rose arbors, formed an attractive setting for Bob Hartman and his orchestra.

Our "King and Queen of Twilight Time," James Orandosh and Phyllis Fulmer, were seated on silver thrones in the center of the balcony. The coronation took place during intermission, with our class president, Oscar Darlington, crowning the royal couple.

Surely the class of '51 can remember with pride the artistic achievements of that gala occasion. The Prom will ever be a memory of delight and excitement.

Glimpses of the Future

Gathered around Beega Eva's invention was a group of seniors from '51, eager to find what might be in store for future seniors at Norco.

Beega Eva turned the set to the year 1952. Here we saw Lillian Hatcher taking over the job [illegible] editor of the "Norco News" and also designing the yearbook cover. In this same scene we saw Lowell Mull getting gray hair from worrying about his position as editor.

In the school sports world Clifford Carty appeared as third baseman on the girls' softball team, of which Carty Lowe was the pitcher. Carty had pitched nine [illegible] games, and as a result the girls were undefeated for the season.

In the next scene the "great day" was just a few weeks away and William Rhymer was beautifying the school grounds in anticipation of commencement. The commencement exercises of the class of '52 appeared, and Betty Jane Laughlin stepped forward to receive Mrs. Shrednasc's mathematics award. Kenneth Keen received the award for music.

Here we come to the end of another wonderful year; and, as we looked in on the seniors of '53, we found Fred Kerlin busily raising pigs to supply ham for all the Norco banquets.

Music lovers will be happy to know that William Powell has taken over the duties of Mr. Lamb and now conducts the Norco band.

Next was a scene from Boys' Night, with John Petrick and Cary Shaner demonstrating their ability to do a new dance step. James Stoudt was leading a Congo line which wound its way through the audience picking up new prospects.

Shirley Kellar was very busy as chairman of the committee to pick a theme for the Junior-Senior Prom.

Shifting to the year 1954, we found Dorothy Faye Darlington taking over the presidential duties of her class.

A bright light preceded the display of diamond rings by Viola Trump, Nancy Davidheiser, Mary Ann Camaho and Faye Faust.

In a scene from the sports world Walter Cole, with ten knockouts to his credit, won the heavyweight title in the inter-scholastic boxing tournaments at Norco.

Work on the yearbook had begun and we saw Thomas Frucela as a photographer frantically taking photographs of his classmates.

The next scene disclosed that Nicholas Hornak and Mary Kazimer had been crowned king and queen of the Prom.

In the class of '55 Phyllis Dahms was chosen as "Miss Senior" of her class.

In the following scene Ralph Heal was seen displaying all the A's on his report card, especially those in spelling.

In the year of '56 we saw quite a few startling events take place. Short David Lafferty had, by this time, sprouted to an even six feet. In the library Betty Ann Clark was found taking over her mother's duties as librarian.

Looking through the doorway into the office we saw Lorna Mae Dawson conscientiously filing papers for Mr. Grove. In Room 3 a bevy of young "femmes" was found swarming around Charles Smith, popular swain of the day.

In the gym we found that Lorraine Jones had taken first prize in Miss Lynch's dancing class.

Speaking of prizes, Frank Cearns and Robert Cisick won prizes on the pole vaulting team. John Yasso had developed into a general handyman and was helping the janitor to make necessary repairs in and about the school.

Alma Mater

THE NORCO WILDCAT

EVERY HIGH SCHOOL HAS A LEGEND
PASSED ON FROM YEAR TO YEAR,
TO WHICH THEY PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
AND ALWAYS CHERISH DEAR;
BUT OF ALL THE HONORED IDOLS,
THERE'S BUT ONE WHICH STANDS THE TEST—
IT'S THE STATELY NORCO WILDCAT,
THE SYMBOL OF OUR BEST.

CHORUS:

HAIL TO THE WILDCAT, LOYALLY BRED!
HAIL, ALMA MATER, WITH YOUR
WHITE AND RED!
NORCO FOREVER, MOULDER OF MEN!
FIGHT FOR HER HONOR
AND VICTORY AGAIN.

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